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£2,750 pay-out after boy burned by soup

JORDAN **DAY**
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A MUM has been offered almost £3,000 in compensation after her son was burned by hot soup at Sainsbury's.

Marina Wood, 38, and her two sons, Bruce, 13, and Francis, 5, were in the cafe at Sainsbury's Ely store when a waiter accidentally spilt a bowl of hot tomato soup over Bruce, who is autistic.

Marina said the soup spilt down her son's right side, burning his shoulder, arm and thigh.

She said the taps in the store's toilets were mixed taps, meaning the water would not have been cold enough to help treat Bruce's burns.

And she said staff in the restaurant would also not allow her to take Bruce behind the counter area to use the taps there.

Marina, of High Barns, Ely, said: "The fact the soup was spilt over Bruce was obviously traumatic but the wait for cold water made it so much worse. It was no good us going into the toilets as the taps were mixed taps so the water wouldn't have been cold enough and warm water could have melted his skin.

"They wouldn't let me go behind the till to use the cold water as they said it would breach health and safety policies.

"I was furious and kept demanding to go behind there or for a member of staff to bring some cold water to me, but they said they couldn't do anything until a first aider was on the scene. I'd say it took a good 20 minutes for a member of staff trained in first aid to arrive. It felt like forever."

The incident happened on October 9, 2014, and Marina decided to take legal action.

Earlier this month, the case was heard at Cambridge County Court, where Marina and her family were awarded £2,750 compensation.

Marina said: "Thankfully Bruce's burns were just surface burns which cleared up after around a week, but the doctors said they could have been a lot worse.

"With Bruce being autistic, the incident had a big effect on him psychologically.

"He lost more than a stone in weight as he refused to eat a proper meal for months, which then led to him having trouble at school as he was tired all the time.

"It's only in the last few months that I've been able to get him anywhere near the store again as he was too scared. It's been a long process but thankfully we're getting there now.

"As far as the money is concerned, I feel like we've now got some closure but it still horrifies me that they denied me access to get cold water that day. It was every parent's nightmare."

A spokeswoman for Sainsbury's said the store now has "robust processes" in place to deal with any similar incident.

She added: "Safety is always our top priority and we're very sorry that this unfortunate accident occurred.

"We have agreed compensation with Bruce and his family."

COMPENSATION: Marina Wood with her son Bruce, 13, outside their home in Ely.

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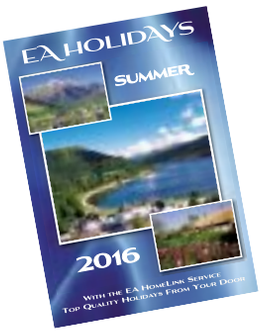

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Men sought after haul of goods stolen

MORE than £1,500 worth of electrical items have been stolen from two supermarkets in Ely – and police want to speak to the men pictured.

On Wednesday, April 20 over £800 worth of electrical goods were stolen from Tesco in Angel Drove.

And on Tuesday, April 12 more than £700 worth of electrical items were taken from Sainsbury's in Lisle Lane.

Anyone who recognises any of the men pictured, or who has any information about the thefts, should call PCSO Ian Hawkins at Ely Police Station on 101.

Alternatively, call Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

CCTV: Call police on 101 if you recognise any of the men pictured.

EMERGENCY

Collisions on region's roads

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A PEDESTRIAN suffered a head injury in a road traffic collision in Ely on Sunday.

Emergency services, including the East of England Ambulance Service Trust (EEAST) and the East Anglian Air Ambulance (EAAA), were called to the collision in Broad Street at 12.35pm.

An EEAST spokesman said: "The pedestrian, a man believed to be in his 30s, was treated for a head injury before being conveyed to Addenbrooke's via land ambulance. He was in a stable condition."

Emergency services, including the EAAA again, were also called to Upware Road in Upware at 5.35pm on Saturday after a vehicle crashed into a tree.

An EEAST spokesman said: "We treated two male patients. One was out of the vehicle and he was treated for minor head injuries and taken via land ambulance to Addenbrooke's.

"The other male had to be cut free from the vehicle and he was treated for serious injuries. He was air lifted to Addenbrooke's in a serious condition."

On Monday, a bus and a car collided in Great Fen Road, near Ely, at around 8.05am. An EEAST spokesman said: "The incident was a low speed collision where six patients were assessed but fortunately were all uninjured."

On Tuesday, three vehicles then crashed on the A142 near Stuntney. Emergency services attended the scene at 12.40pm. The EEAST said they assessed two patients, neither of whom required treatment.

On Wednesday morning two vehicles were also involved in a collision on the A142 near Sutton. Emergency services attended just before 8am.

The EEAST said two patients received minor injuries and that both were discharged from the scene.

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HAT'LL DO NICELY: Red Hat Society chapters from across East Anglia visited Ely on Monday to celebrate the organisation's 18th birthday. The society is for women over the age of 50 and its main aim is to network and make friends, with its motto being 'Live, love, laugh'. PICTURES: David Johnson

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Here come the girls... and their hats!

RED, white and blue might have been the chosen colours last week but on Monday the tones in Ely were red and purple.

A Red Hat Society outing saw around 240 women visiting the city to celebrate the organisation's 18th anniversary.

The women, all of whom were wearing purple clothes and red hats and head pieces, filled the city's shops and eateries, as well as enjoying tours around the cathedral, Riverside and other popular haunts.

Red Hat Society chapters from across the East of England enjoyed the visit. Hilary Jones, from the Vermilion Vixens, said: "The ladies loved Ely. We attacked its charity shops, toured the cathedral, tried out lots of the different restaurants – it's a wonderful city."

Visit redhatsociety.com.

DEVELOPMENT

Leases now signed by fast food giants

JORDAN **DAY**
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KFC, McDonalds and Costa Coffee have now signed leases to move on to Ely's new Cineworld leisure complex, *Ely News* can confirm.

Turnstone Estates, the company behind the £15.7 million new development, made the announcement on Tuesday – and said they had received 'forward funding' for the scheme from Standard Life Investments, on behalf of a segregated client.

As previously reported, main contractor RG Carter Projects started work on the 49,000 sq ft new complex in Downham Road earlier this month.

Tim Deacon, director of Turnstones, said: "We're working hard to create a successful leisure park with a great choice of restaurants to support our anchor cinema, Cineworld.

"Ely Leisure Village will serve a vast catchment north of Cambridge where currently there is no leisure provision. Coupled with the proposed swimming and leisure centre in phase two this is set to be become a major leisure destination."

McDonalds, KFC and Costa Coffee join Frankie and Benny's and a Hungry Horse pub, operated by Greene King, which have already committed to the scheme. Turnstones say "negotiations are advancing" on securing lettings for the remaining units.

The leisure park, which will boast a six-screen cinema, 380 car parking spaces and an underpass, as well as the restaurants, is due to be completed early next year.

CELEBRATION

Bells ring out for Queen

A SPECIAL bellringing performance was held in Ely on Saturday to mark the Queen's 90th birthday and St George's Day.

The ringers of St Mary's Church completed a quarter peal, which took around 50 minutes and comprised of 1,260 changes, or sequences of the six bells used.

John Mitchell, St Mary's tower secretary, said: "We did this as a belated birthday compliment to Her Majesty and for St George's Day." See page 42 for more Queen celebrations.

PLANNING

Medcentres PLC

IN our article of April 21 we incorrectly stated that Soham Health Centre was to relocate to new premises in order for 10 new homes to be built on the land.

In fact the lease held by Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS Trust ran out and they had already decided to move the centre elsewhere. Therefore the health centre is not moving to accommodate new housing. We apologise for this error.

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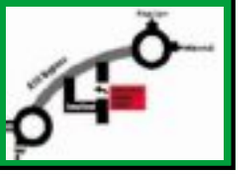

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HEALTH

Thank you for saving my life

RECOVERING: Carl Skipper is now able to drive again thanks to experts at Addenbrooke's. PICTURE: Richard Patterson

FREYA **LENG**
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A DAD who contracted a rare flesh-eating bug has thanked the plastic surgeons who saved his life.

Carl Skipper, 36, from Littleport, contracted necrotising fasciitis just two months ago.

The rare but life-threatening condition starts suddenly and progresses rapidly, causing the affected tissue to die.

Symptoms include severe pain, fever, diarrhoea, vomiting and unconsciousness, and the only option is to remove the infected tissue.

Carl's left arm between the elbow and wrist inflated "like Popeye" and he had three operations to treat the infection and reconstruct his arm.

The father-of-two was in the gym in February when he felt a 'pop' in his elbow which quickly started filling up with fluid.

"It spread up my arm overnight and I was running a really high temperature, felt sick and just felt quite poorly," he said.

Carl, who works in admin part-time so he can be a stay-at-home dad, went to the Princess Of Wales Hospital in Ely but was rushed to A&E where he went straight into surgery and was in Addenbrooke's for the next two weeks.

He was treated by Dr Ahid Abood, a consultant plastic and reconstructive surgeon, and his team.

He was told the infection was brought on by strep throat – a sore throat which had caused him to feel under the weather for six weeks previously.

"It's quite rare, normally you get it gardening or something like that," he said. "The consultants said it can happen to anybody, but it's very rare. It wasn't anything I did, there was no way I could have prevented it."

Dr Abood and his team had to remove all of the soft tissue from Carl's arm because of the infection but they were able to preserve the more vital structures in two operations.

In a final all-day operation, they were able to reconstruct his arm using a technique called a free-tissue transfer which involved transplanting tissue from his thigh up to his arm using microsurgery.

Carl is now almost fully recovered, and is able to drive again.

He said: "They [Mr Abood and team] saved my life.

"They knew exactly what to do. I've also had lots of help from family and friends."

CRIME

Fire was arson

ARSONISTS set fire to a car on the A142 near Witchford.

Firefighters from Littleport rushed to the scene at around 5.40am on Sunday and arrived to find the vehicle well alight.

A spokeswoman for Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service said: "Firefighters arrived to find a car on fire.

"Wearing breathing apparatus they extinguished the fire using hose reels and returned to their station by 7.30am.

"The cause of the fire was confirmed as deliberate.

"Anyone with any information should contact police on 101 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555111."

HEALTH

New eye service

RESIDENTS who have eye problems such as visual disturbance or red eyes can now be assessed and treated at a new minor eye conditions service.

The free NHS service is available to patients over the age of 16 and can be accessed from a number of opticians, including Spectacular Opticians in Ely's High Street.

Some of the eye conditions the service can help include red eyes or eye lids, dry eyes or gritty eyes, irritated or inflamed eyes, sticky discharge or watery eyes, and ingrown eyelashes.

Patients have to be registered with a local GP practice to be able to use the service.

The amazing moment an eel fought back

FIGHT FOR SURVIVAL: Helen Holway, right, witnessed the 'entertaining' battle between this hungry cormorant and tenacious eel on the river at Stretham.

Photo and story: Journalistic.org

AMATEUR photographer Helen Holway was out walking with her husband, Nick, in Stretham when she captured this amazing battle on camera.

Using her Canon 5Dlll, she managed to snap a shot of a cormorant that had made a lucky catch – a rather large eel – on the river.

However, moments after taking the shot, the eel begins to wriggle frantically and breaks free from the bill of the hungry bird, creating a considerable amount of splashing.

The bird appeared to be pretty perplexed and attempts to fight back, making several attempts to regain control of the slippery critter.

However, the tenacious eel, seemingly unimpressed at the prospect of being caught, makes the ballsy decision to fight back.

After having being bitten several times on the chest, the bird beats a hasty retreat down the river, only to be pursued by the eel.

"The whole event was pretty entertaining!", said Helen, from Steeple Morden, near Royston.

"An eel fighting back is not something you see every day, and we were really lucky to capture the images. Luckily the shutter speed on my camera isn't too bad. It was a real David and Goliath moment."

The bird finally flew off, causing the eel to drop back into the river.

The moral of the story - don't have eyes bigger than your stomach? Or maybe, don't pick on those smaller than you? Either which way, it pays to have character.

Festival is this weekend!

ELY'S Eel Festival is this weekend – and, as ever, thousands of families are expected to attend.

The festival, which is held annually to celebrate the city's association with the humble eel, will see a whole host of eel-related activities taking place from Friday through to Monday.

The event is held in partnership with the *Ely News*, and organisers are promising this year's festival to be one of the biggest and fun-filled to date.

Tracey Harding, tourism and town centres manager at East Cambridgeshire District Council, said: "This is always a fantastic weekend with so many businesses and organisations taking part.

"Along with our attractions, shops and markets, the visitors to Ely this weekend have so much to see and do."

■ Turn to The Guide, page 48, for the full line-up.

POLITICS

District leader slams city over devolution deal

JON **VALE**
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JAMES Palmer – leader of East Cambridgeshire District Council (ECDC) – appears to have torpedoed any county-wide devolution deal by insisting his council would prefer to team up with Norfolk and Suffolk.

Cllr Palmer said his council would cast Cambridgeshire aside after "years of failure in delivering infrastructure projects" like the Ely Southern Bypass and Soham Railway Station.

It comes just days after ECDC became the first authority to ratify the East Anglia Devolution Agreement, agreeing to move to the next stage with the other authorities.

The Government wants Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Suffolk to join up for a devolution deal.

Acceptance of the deal would bring £900 million of new funding to the region over the next 30 years.

But there has been opposition from Cambridgeshire businesses and Cambridge City Council in particular, which insists it does little for the county.

County council leader Cllr Steve Count is now trying to negotiate a deal just for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, which could work closely with any new authority for Norfolk and Suffolk.

But Cllr Palmer, who is also a county councillor, said this was "not credible".

He also said the Labour-run city council had taken a political stance on the issue.

He added: "I think that's disappointing and quite pathetic, really. This isn't a party political issue... I'm not going to let the future of East Cambridgeshire be determined by a few county councillors from the city.

"I hope common sense will prevail and those people who doubt this will open their minds to it and be a bit more expansive in their thinking. The county council has failed to deliver the infrastructure it should have done."

South Cambs leader Cllr Ray Manning said his council was "lukewarm" to the idea of three county devolution, while city leader Cllr Lewis Herbert added: "Along with the clear majority of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough councils and councillors we believe devolution will work best, and deliver far more for our residents and businesses, if it is a Cambridgeshire and Peterborough package, which we have been working on with all councils including East Cambs for over a year."

Ely entrepreneur Peter Dawe OBE says he will stand for the Mayor of East Anglia if the deal goes ahead.

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Who will deal with the rats?

WHEN local authorities are reduced to making cuts in services which relate to public health it is a sure sign that something is wrong with the way the financial resources of our country are being managed.

A well-publicised example locally is the decision to reduce the number of public conveniences in the city of Ely.

This past week, I have learnt of another such cut of which I had not previously been aware. My reaction to the arrival of rats in my garden was to ring up the East Cambridgeshire District Council to report the infestation, but I was told that the council no longer offers a pest-control service. The only advice on offer was to contact one of the contractors advertised in the telephone directory.

Now, apart from the fact that the householder faced with an invasion of rats may not be able easily to pay the sum charged by such a contractor, the trouble with this piece of privatization is this: The rat-catcher's contract applies only to the property of the householder who has called him out. It may be that the main colony of rats lies elsewhere in the neighbourhood: in a nearby private property, or maybe on waste ground or in a back alley.

Where this is the case, the private pest-control firm is not contracted to deal with the root cause of the infestation.

I would be interested to know what provision, if any, is currently made by public-sector organisations in our area, to deal with the danger to public health in such cases.

Janet Fairweather
Annesdale
Ely

Happy birthday, Ma'am!

'WHAT's the point in having a Queen? Give me a president every time.' 'Our Queen? She's a drain on the economy.' 'Fat lot of work she does! Just waves and smiles all day.'

These were some of the remarks which most of us heard around Ely until the past week. Then things changed.

The newspapers were preparing us for celebration by publishing the news that Thursday, April 21, was our Queen's 90th birthday and the nation was going to celebrate and congratulate her.

The *Ely News*, in an unobtrusive paragraph told us last week that there was going to be a beacon in the Market Square, one of thousands across the nation.

Television was reminding us daily that Thursday was a special day.

We saw interviews with members of the royal family; there were television films showing not only the present royal family, but also giving us clips of what it had been like for our Queen at the time of Princess Diana's death and during her 'Annus Horribilis' when so many of her family were divorcing.

Our imaginations were stirred and the thought of the City of Ely celebrating with a beacon on the Market Square sounded exciting.

However, the usual market stalls were in place on Thursday morning doing a brisk business with no indication that something else was going to happen in the evening.

The ceremony was announced to begin at 8pm. True to form the local Ely band, dressed in scarlet uniform was in place thumping out rousing music well on time.

Families drifted across the Market Square listening to the band and clapping their encouragement. Had more townsfolk and people from surrounding villages realised what an important occasion this was there could have been more than 400-500 who actually turned up.

Children had come in expectation of seeing a beacon for the first time in their lives.

Towards 8.30pm, there appeared on one side of the square an individual in a long scarlet robe and a glittering necklace. It was the Lady Mayor of Ely. Very soon afterwards two darker figures emerged from the crowd and stood in the centre of the square dressed in period costume.

'O Yez, O Yez! The town crier of the smallest city in the land shouted. Everyone stood silent as he proclaimed the City of Ely's most magnificent birthday wishes to Her Majesty.

Afterwards everyone cheered and the Mayor set light the beacon, which burst into abundant flames from a stand behind the band. The band was now in its element playing 'Happy Birthday to You,' Land of Hope and Glory' and 'Roll out the Barrel.'

The conductor signalled to the crowd to join in with the words, but not many did so.

That was a shame because 'being British' on this occasion required us not to stand silent but to shout out congratulations with all our hearts to Her Majesty. Even longer may she reign!

Rosalind Hussey
Winfarthing Court
Ely

Famous faces at sportsman's dinner

FOOTBALL stars Neil 'Razor' Ruddock and John Wark were in Witchford on Friday night.

Ruddock, who played as a central defender from 1986 to 2003, and Wark, who spent most of his playing time with Ipswich Town, hosted Witchford Colts Football Club's inaugural sportsman's dinner.

Around 250 people attended the event at the village hall, helping to raise £7,900 for the Colts and Prostate Cancer UK.

The event included a three-course meal, a prize heads and tails game, talks from both Ruddock and Wark, an auction and a raffle.

Nigel Smith, chairman of the Colts, said: "It was a superb night and the club would like to thank everyone for their support.

"Neil and John were both brilliant and talked about a lot of different things. Everything really exceeded our expectations – to have raised £7,900 is unbelievable."

The Colts now hope to make the sportsman's dinner an annual event.

Ruddock made his debut at Millwall and also played for Tottenham Hotspur, Southampton, Liverpool, West Ham, Crystal Palace, Queens Park Rangers and Swindon Town.

Wark won a record four Player of the Year awards with Ipswich Town and also had brief periods at Liverpool and Middlesbrough.

Post office is first class

FOR a long time now we have had problems with our main post office in Ely and many of us have decided to go elsewhere for the time being, only to wonder if we wanted to change back to the currently functioning office.

In my opinion the post office offering the best service in the villages around Ely is the one in Witchford.

Shelley and her staff always offer a pleasant smile and an eagerness to please no matter whether you require a full shopping list or just a stamp.

Long may Witchford Post Office continue to flourish along with other village services across the county.

Graham Jones
Windmill Close
Ely

Yes, we're headed for hell

HAVING read two comprehensive "stay in" letters, I apologise to Cllr Woollard for not "cheering him up"! Brexit is disorganised with too many cooks and, yes, this concerns me. I have no idea who leads it with Boris shooting his mouth off as usual.

It needs decent, cohesive leadership and a business plan, but then the "stay inners" spent £9.2 million of our money, while Brexit got £600k. This is not what was initially agreed and highlights the corrupt way in which the situation has been handled to get the result government and Opposition want. Same thing happened under Heath and it is shameful.

Whatever the result we will lose because the paltry concessions Mr Cameron achieved will go out the window if we stay. In fact we will be subjected to even more bullying than we already are by countries that owe the UK considerable respect and gratitude.

Not only did we and our allies liberate many, but we also provided food and help with reconstruction and that included Germany. To my knowledge nobody made restitution to us plus we are the second or third highest contributor to the EU which has got away with not having its accounts signed off for about 20 years despite using its own auditors.

Mr Obama chose to use as leverage, and his right to comment, the fact that thousands of American

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bodies are buried in Europe having sacrificed their lives on our behalf.

He should be ashamed of himself and consider how insulting the WWII monument in Washington, DC, unveiled by G.W. Bush, is to the UK and its other allies. Shamefully not one British politician (or the BBC) objected to such appalling guilt tripping.

At the least they could have reminded Mr Obama that it took the UK 60 years to reimburse the USA down to the last cent, plus interest, for the use of equipment for which Sir Winston had to beg.

However, worse was to come from Obama and it sounded very much like emotional blackmail. Now Hilary Clinton has put in her two cents worth. He is misinformed, we have no influence on the EU whatsoever. Much as I love America, having worked there for ten years and given thousands of hours of my free time as a volunteer for two government agencies, it has always been self interested and inward looking. Obama and Clinton's words bear that out big time. We have a one sided relationship. One condition of my Green Card was to not involve myself in US politics, including not criticising, and I honoured that reasonable demand as a guest should.

Mr Obama, a welcome guest, overstepped the mark towards his hosts and came across as a bully; seemingly he has since tried to clean up his threat. I would love to have been a fly on the wall at Windsor Castle!

Mr Green (last week's letters) states that the EU has many more citizens than the USA and I wonder what that has to do with anything.

More people needing jobs, abusing our NHS by acquiring EHIC cards illegally, more British emigrants who come back every six months to get free prescriptions and healthcare despite not paying taxes in the UK, more people demanding interpreters at huge cost to taxpayers as soft UK is the only country that provides this service free in schools, hospitals and public services, etc. etc. We can't even deport those who abuse our hospitality by committing appalling crimes – that is not democracy.

In conclusion, we have nearly 1,000 politicians not fit for purpose whether we vote to stay or leave.

Many loathed Mrs Thatcher, but nobody since her has stood up to the EU and demanded equal treatment. She negotiated a fair rebate, immediately given away by Mr Blair.

Mr Major signed the Maastricht Treaty without consultation, which she would have refused to do, and Mr Brown signed the Lisbon Treaty ignoring Labour's promise of a referendum.

Both have seriously impacted on our country by sucking us in deeper and deeper.

Mrs T was stabbed in the back by the pro EU bunch and look where that has got us. The disgraceful way Eastern European leaders have spoken about the UK, despite many of their citizens living here and not all working, has not been challenged by our spineless and unpatriotic politicians. The EU, or should I say Chancellor Merkel, stated that all countries must take in immigrants.

Ironically most Eastern European countries refused despite getting back far more than they put in.

Who has challenged them, while we are pressured by all and sundry to do more?

Like Cllr Woollard I despair, but for different reasons because whatever the result of the referendum we are headed for Hell in a handcart.

God forgive the lot of them, because I cannot.

D Donald
Address supplied

Your pictures

SPRING IS HERE: **David Terry, of Militia Way, Ely sent us this lovely photo.**

We love to see your pictures. Send them in JPEG format marked 'Your Pictures' to wendy.davey@cambridge-news.co.uk. Please add your name, address and daytime telephone number, where you took the photo and, if possible, a picture of yourself! We reserve the right to reuse pictures at our discretion.

When the sun's gone: lights on

OFTEN when I am driving in low light or poor visibility conditions, I notice oncoming vehicles without lights of any sort switched on. To me this is something that really should be addressed by the traffic police, in the interests of road safety. In many countries it is an offence to drive a vehicle on public roads, when they cannot be seen by others due to not being visible.

So many cars and HGVs today are painted in colours that are similar to the colour of tarmac roads, and at dusk or other poor light conditions these vehicles sometimes cannot be seen until very close to you. Not all vehicles are fitted with the new LED "Daytime Running Lights", therefore having your HEADLIGHTS (not side/park lights) switched on in the dipped position – will make you visible to others.

In fog or mist, fog lights are good for the driver of that vehicle – but in rainy conditions they often dazzle oncoming drivers, due to reflection off wet surfaces.

I have a slogan that I always use - "Sun gone? HEADLIGHTS ON!"

What do other road users think?

Roger Bramford
Littleport

The bee orchid: some facts

MAY I reply to the letter about the bee orchids and firstly agree that the bee orchid is not one of our rarest orchids, instead it is described as locally common.

Where it grows it is common to find a lot of plants but the number of places where it grows are limited. The action of the conservation scheme will hopefully make it locally common here but, without it, Ely would be one of those very many areas of the country where it does not occur.

The answers to questions about its arrival in Ely are easy to understand if you realise the difference between orchids and other plants.

All plants, from trees to the tiniest of garden plants, benefit from a mutual arrangement with a huge network of many species of underground fungi known as mycorrhiza.

Plants other than orchids benefit from water and basic nutrients that the mycorrhiza can offer and in turn, pass back sugars and other complex chemicals to the fungus. These plants can grow without the mycorrhiza but much more poorly. However terrestrial orchids rely on the fungus and are parasitic on it; their seeds cannot germinate without the presence of the appropriate species of mycorrhiza. Orchid seeds do not have an endosperm, the food source that most seeds use for germination, and as a result are tiny, more like spores. Consequently very many seeds can be produced by a single seed capsule, in the example of the bee orchid, it is estimated 6,000 to 10,000. These are light, easily blown for long distances by the wind and readily float on water. However they can only germinate if they land where the appropriate species of mycorrhiza are present and where they are washed down into cracks by the rain and can germinate in darkness. The protocorm need to be "infected" by the mycorrhiza and slowly grows for several years before any leaves appear, 3 years for the bee orchid.

The bee orchid will only flourish and flower and where there is little competition for light so it often grows on very poor, recently disturbed land. Therefore it is easy to imagine how the spores arrived naturally, how they can be present where the land has recently changed use and why they are appearing at widely separated parts of Ely.

Finally may I add that the scheme has been set up to promote those plants not usually found in the city where they, like the bee orchid, may become locally common for the enjoyment of all and the preservation of biodiversity on our doorstep - a very worthwhile aim! Our council and its workers should be applauded for their care of our environment.

Dr Terry Moore
Longfields
Ely

This is why we're striking

I'M a junior doctor, I am a GP Registrar.

We're on strike again, this time consultants are covering emergency care. Yes, there is disruption, but patients are safe.

In some departments there are more doctors working during the strike than would be on a bank holiday.

We want the Government to lift imposition of the new contract in August and return to negotiations.

Junior doctors already provide emergency care 24/7. At the moment hospitals locally and across the country struggle to fill the spaces on their rotas. Spreading the workforce thinner to cover routine care on weekends will mean larger gaps during the week. This is unsafe, we've all seen the real strain doctors are under at work.

The new contract is discriminatory towards many, including carers, those with children and those with disabilities.

I have a 3-year-old, I was expecting him when I worked in Chatteris, at George Clare Surgery.

Following maternity leave, I work three days a week. My training is extended to allow for this. However, the new contract makes working part time less possible – if I have to choose between having a family and training, I would chose family.

I have colleagues in similar situations who would consider leaving training.

Others are making plans to work abroad instead. There aren't enough doctors as it is, we can't afford to lose more.

Members of the public can write to their MP via writetothem.com and ask the Government to return to negotiations and remove imposition.

Dr Zohra Qureshi
GP Registrar
Papworth Surgery

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TUCK
Hazel

would like to thank daughter Angela, granddaughter Katie, son-in-law Andy and friend Barbara for the surprise party for her 80th birthday.

Deaths

HOWARD
Betty
Of Woolpack Yard Ely, formerly of Stretham

Passed away at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge on Wednesday April 20th 2016, aged 91 years.

Dearly loved wife of the late Owen. Loving mother of Paul and Carol, mother in law of Christine and a much loved grandmother, great-grandmother and sister.

Funeral service at St James Church, Stretham on Thursday May 5th at 12-00 noon followed by interment in the parish cemetery.

Family flowers only, donations if desired for Multiple Sclerosis Trust will be gratefully received at the service or c/o

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PEACOCK
Winifred May

Formerly of Sutton
Passed away peacefully in Soham Lodge Care Home on Sunday 17th April 2016 aged 87 years

Wife of the late Leonard, mum of Linda and Gillian, mother-in-law of James and Nan Win to her 5 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.
Sadly missed

Funeral Service at Fenland Crematorium, March, on Monday 16th May 2016 at 12.30pm

Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, for British Heart Foundation may be left at the service or sent to

Ely Funeral Service, 4 Tower Road, Ely, Cambs CB7 4HW Tel: 01353 666566

Deaths

STAINES
Terence Robert (Terry)

Died suddenly, but peacefully, in Addenbrookes Hospital on Tuesday 19th April 2016.

Jennifer, Ian, Helen, Nigel and the Grandchildren invite his many friends to join them for a Service of Thanksgiving for his life at

Ely Methodist Church, Chapel Street, on Monday 9th May at 3pm.

Family flowers only please, but donations for Tapping House Hospice, Norfolk, will be gratefully received at the service or sent to Ely Funeral Service, 4 Tower Road, Ely, Cambs CB7 4HW Tel: 01353 666566

The family would like to extend their grateful thanks to the Staff of St Mary's Surgery, Ely, to the various departments in Addenbrooke's Hospital that have treated Terry in recent years, but in particular the Staff of Ward C5 for their recent, but very special care

Acknowledgements

DALTON
Judith Ann

Jim and the family would like to thank relatives and friends for the many sympathy cards, letters and messages of condolence received. Thanks also to those who took part in, and attended, the private funeral service, and also those involved in, and attended the Thanksgiving Service at Wilburton Church. Thank you also to Ely Funeral Service for their care and professionalism. Donations to Ovarian Cancer Action, Heart Valve Voice and the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity raised in excess of £1800.

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FEATHERED FRIEND: PCSO Jonathan Hall pictured with Barny before releasing him back into the wild

Barny is released back into the wild

AN owl rescued by a local PCSO last month has been released back into the wild.

Barny the Barn Owl was in a sorry state on the verge on the A10 at Littleport when PCSO Jonathan Hall found him on March 11.

Mr Hall, who worked for the RSPCA before joining the police force, took the bird home and nourished him overnight before handing him over to the RSPCA the next day.

Barny made a speedy recovery and last Wednesday, Mr Hall and PCSO Emma Graves took him back to where he was found and released him into the wild.

Mr Hall said: "He was absolutely back to full health.

"There should be no issues for him now."

CHARITY

Boost for the Little Miracles

JORDAN **DAY**
@JordanDayCN

LITTLE Miracles Cambridge, Ely and Newmarket has been chosen as Hilton Cambridge City Centre's new charity partner.

Employees at the hotel will host a variety of fundraising activities throughout the year, as well as volunteering at the charity, which is based at the Ely Community Centre and supports local children with autism and additional needs.

The hotel will also be hosting free pamper days for Little Miracles support workers.

Richard Finn, general manager at Hilton Cambridge City Centre, said: "We're delighted to announce our partnership with Little Miracles and are looking forward to supporting the charity which plays such a vital role in our community.

"We'll be kicking off our partnership with our team volunteering to help develop their Sensory Garden.

"It's important for families to enjoy the outdoors and we've got employees from all different departments who will be getting their hands dirty so the garden is complete in time for the summer."

Justin Heron, operations manager for Little Miracles CEN, said: "It is absolutely fantastic to partner with the Hilton Cambridge City Centre team in this way and we are really excited about the coming months. We have a number of key projects this year including developing our garden space and introducing a sensory soft play area as well as maintaining the services and trips that we already run."

Visit littlemiraclescharity.org.

CRIME

Police appeal after attempted break-in

POLICE are appealing for information after four men attempted to break into a property in Little Thetford.

The men were disturbed by the elderly homeowners as they returned to their property, in Main Street.

The incident happened on Tuesday, April 19 at around 3.35pm, and police say there were a lot of people in the village at the time.

Call police on 101 with any information.

BUSINESS

Tattoo artist prize

LOCAL tattoo artist Beynur Kaptan has brought an award home to Littleport.

Beynur, who runs Beynur's Tattoos, in Main Street, won the Best Colour Tattoo prize at the Nottingham Tattoo Convention.

Beynur, who opened his studio in 2011, recently urged people to carry out more research to prevent them getting inked by unlicensed artists. He says he and his team are currently dealing with people who want tattoos that they have had done elsewhere covered up on a weekly basis.

Search for Beynur's Tattoos on Facebook.

WILDLIFE

Happy ending for duck beaten by man at lake

JORDAN **DAY**
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A DUCK which was unable to move after being beaten by a member of the public has been released back into the wild after making a speedy recovery.

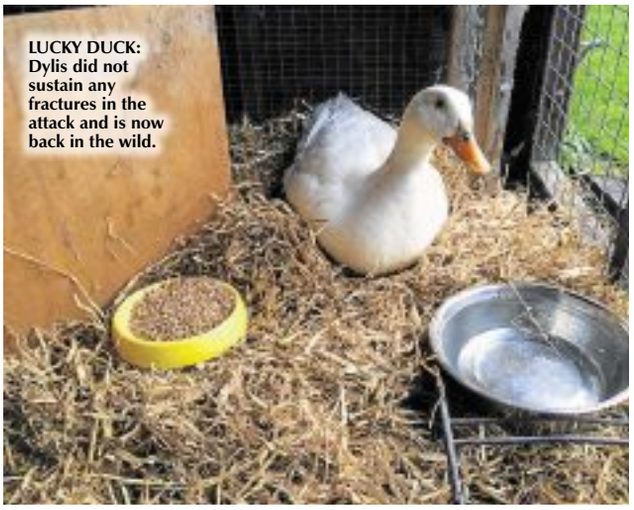
Dylis, a domestic-breed duck which lives in the wild at a local fishing lake, was taken to the Companion Care Cathedral Veterinary Surgery in Ely.

She had been beaten by a man who, it is believed, was fishing at the lake, and was taken to the surgery by a member of the public who witnessed the attack.

Dylis was in such a bad way that she was unable to stand or move, and one of her wings was hanging by her side.

Miraculously, the duck did not sustain any fractures or wounds, and following daily hydrotherapy sessions, she was able to be released back on to the lake just 10 days later.

Sally Ann Halliday, practice manager at Cathedral Surgery, said:



LUCKY DUCK: Dylis did not sustain any fractures in the attack and is now back in the wild.

"Dylis had been badly beaten and was unable to stand or move. One of her wings was hanging by her side.

"She was very carefully examined; no fractures or wounds were found and her injuries were determined to be those affecting the central nervous system. She was treated accordingly.

"Over the next few days she became more aware and started to respond normally – eating and drinking although still unable to stand on one of her legs or lift her wing.

"One of our nurses took her home to larger quarters and gave her daily hydrotherapy sessions. She responded wonderfully well to the love and care (and hydrotherapy) she received and it became apparent she was improving in leaps and bounds.

"One morning Dylis made it clear she felt strong enough to go back to her home – flapping her wings strongly and using both legs as she waddled around the garden.

"Ten days after she was taken into our care she was released back into the wild – quacking loudly with delight when she discovered her friend on the riverbank.

"A really happy result thanks to the love and care she received from both her rescuer and the team at our surgery."

The *Ely News* understands the incident was not reported to the police or RSPCA, but that the man who attacked Dylis has been banned from using the lake where the attack happened.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Calling all local knitters

CURTIS Yarns in Ely is celebrating Yarn Shop Day on Saturday.

Barbara Curtis, who runs the shop in the High Street, will be running numerous discounts and offers, including 15 per cent off all yarns and cross stitch kits, and goody bags for the first five customers in the morning and after 1pm.

Wool shops across the UK take part in the initiative, which, now in its third year, is organised to celebrate Britain's independent wool shops.

Camera-shy baby hare poses for photo

THE fruits of all that boxing over the winter are starting to appear at the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust centre in Welney with a chance sighting of a baby hare this week.

Baby hares, called leverets, are incredibly secretive and to avoid the attention of predators, they lie still for the majority of the day, only feeding from their mother for a few minutes each evening.

ELECTION

Four standing in upcoming PCC election

JORDAN **DAY**
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RESIDENTS across East Cambridgeshire are being urged to vote in next week's Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) elections.

Over a four-year term, the PCC oversees the running of local police forces, including appointing the Chief Constable, setting the local budget and deciding what the priorities should be for the police in their area.

Since November 2012, when the first PCC election took place, this position has been held by Sir Graham Bright, who has decided not to run for a second term.

This time, four candidates are set to compete for the role, in what is only the second ever PCC election.

These are Jason Ablewhite (Conservative), Dave Baigent (Labour), Nick Clarke (UKIP) and Rupert Moss-Eccardt (Liberal Democrat).

Polling will take place across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough on Thursday, May 5, with the count and declaration of the newly elected PCC taking place on Friday, May 6.

John Hill, the Police Area Returning Officer, responsible for the overall running of the election, said: "I would encourage absolutely everyone in Cambridgeshire to vote on May 5.

"The new PCC will help to oversee and shape our county's police force over the next four years, the very organisation that helps to keep us safe, so it is vital that people play their part and cast their votes.

"It's incredibly important that people understand what a PCC does, making important policing decisions for their area, and with just a 15 per cent turnout last time around, we want to see as many people voting as possible."

To find out more about each candidate, including their priorities for the region and backgrounds, visit choosemypcc.org.uk.

For updates on the election as it progresses over the two days, follow @PCCCambs, @EastCambs, and look out for #CambsPCC on Twitter.

To show you'll be voting, there is even a dedicated twibbon (twitter ribbon) you can add to your twitter or Facebook profile picture via: bit.ly/23d7IX4.

END OF AN ERA: Patricia Canham has worked in retail in Ely for 55 years.

Patricia calls it a day after 55 years

PATRICIA Canham has retired after working in retail in Ely for 55 years.

An avid charity fundraiser, Patricia's first job was at the old Mr Jordan's grocers when she was still at school, and the job from which she has just retired was at Ely's Sue Ryder charity shop.

In between those jobs, Patricia has worked at Fisher's Jewellers, Eastern Electricity, Powerhouse and Birthdays, to name just a few.

She said: "I've done ear piercing, pearl re-threading, sold groceries and electrical appliances, mended kettles, sorted clothes... I've loved helping customers over the years, many whom are now friends."

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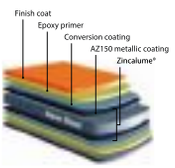

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COMMUNITY

Recycling..? We are the champions!

LOVE RECYCLING: Recycling Champions, Stephen Cole and Lesley Marsh, at the Harley-Davidson memorial statue, along with Caline Easy, Littleport Timebank co-ordinator, Darren Hughes the Recycling Officer at East Cambridgeshire District Council and the district council recycling crew in the background.

JORDAN **DAY**
@JordanDayCN

LITTLEPORT has become the first community in Cambridgeshire to have its own Recycling Champions.

Stephen Cole and Lesley Marsh, who both live in the town, have volunteered to help spread the word about recycling, with the aim of making more residents and organisations in the town eco-friendly.

Littleport Timebank, Cambridgeshire County Council, waste contractor Amey and East Cambridgeshire District Council have joined forces to recruit the champions.

The voluntary role is the first of its kind in Cambridgeshire.

By working with the timebank, the volunteers will receive 'time credits' for activities they do, such as give talks to local community groups or schools about recycling, deliver leaflets or put up displays at public events.

The credits can then be exchanged for a variety of activities from getting help with your gardening to going to see the latest blockbuster film.

The champions' first activity was helping out at a litter pick organised by the timebank, where over 40 local residents, representatives from the timebank, The Port youth group, Amey, both the district and council council, and local Cubs and Beavers, collected 49 bags of litter which weighed a total of 112kg.

With the help of Stephen and Lesley, the pickers separated the waste into recycling and general rubbish – and over 50 per cent was sent off for recycling which was made up mostly of cans, plastic bottles and paper.

Stephen said: "Littering can be a problem in Littleport so it was great to be part of the event. It just goes to show how easy it is to recycle.

"East Cambridgeshire District Council provided two types of bags, one for recycling and one for rubbish and everyone was keen to separate out the two.

"At the end of the litter pick, we sent 59 kgs of litter for recycling which is a great achievement which would normally not have been separated out. Everyone was amazed and very proud at how much recycling we collected."

The county council and Amey want to recruit more Recycling Champions in towns and villages across Cambridgeshire.

No previous experience or knowledge is required, just the belief that recycling is important and the willingness to convey your enthusiasm about helping the environment to others.

To get involved or to find out more, call (01223) 815490 or email wasteeducation@amey.co.uk.

COMMUNITY

Facebook group to find lost pets

A NEW Facebook group has been launched to help reunite lost pets in the Ely area with their owners.

Lauren Payne, a co-founder of the new 'Ely Lost Pet Found Pet' group, which already has over 400 likes, said: "We have set up a page solely for lost and found pets after noticing so many posts on the local selling sites, which very quickly get lost with all the items for sale.

"We have a microchip scanner so are able to assist and scan for chips. We understand this can be done by the dog warden and vets but we are happy to help outside of these hours.

"We are huge animal lovers ourselves and are heartbroken from all the posts we see of missing animals. We want to do something more."

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TRANSPORT

Junction delay 'right decision'

JORDAN **DAY**
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THE Transport Secretary insists prioritising "safety critical" level crossing works in the Ely area over upgrading the Ely North Junction is the right decision.

In a letter to local MPs, Patrick McLoughlin says he regrets that upgrades to the junction have been delayed – but says the fact that local level crossing works will be carried out beforehand will result in "greater overall benefits to users".

As reported, the upgrades were due to be finished in the current spending round, which runs until 2019, however Network Rail says the work will now take place in the next spending period – which runs from 2019 until 2024 – to allow "co-ordination with safety critical level crossing works nearby".

By doubling the junction, which is located at Queen Adelaide, it would allow trains to run every half hour from Cambridge to King's Lynn and Norwich – something for which rail groups have been campaigning for years.

In his letter, Mr McLoughlin says the Department for Transport will work with local councils and LEPs to progress the development study into upgrading the junction.

He said: "I understand the frustration that the delays to the Ely North Junction improvements will cause to customers, which we very much regret. However, allow me to make clear that these major works are only being delayed, not cancelled.

"In addition, the retiming of the works will allow for better co-ordination and integration of safety critical level crossing works in the Ely area.

"As such, I am confident that the scheme to be delivered in control period 6 (2019-2024) will be of greater overall benefit to users."

The Minister added: "I warmly welcome the commitment of local authorities, LEPs and other stakeholders to seek to secure funding for further development work during control period 5 (2014-2019).

"My department and Network Rail will do everything possible to support this and work in partnership with local stakeholders."

South West Norfolk MP Elizabeth Truss said: "I am pleased the Transport Secretary has committed to supporting this work so that the scheme can be progressed in Control Period 6.

"I will be having further meetings with Network Rail and Department for Transport officials to monitor progress."

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COMMUNITY SPIRIT: Sharon's Superstars are taking part in Girls Night Out again this year.

Don your PJs for a charity walk

A SLIMMING consultant is calling on women of all ages to join her on a big charity walk in September.

Sharon Heaps, who runs Slimming World groups in Littleport and Swaffham Prior, took a 50-strong group of Slimming World members – Sharon's Superstars – to Girls Night Out in Bury St Edmunds last year.

The event sees women wearing pyjamas and flashing bunny ears for the night-time walk – all in aid of St Nicholas Hospice Care – and this year, Sharon hopes to have at least 70 members on the team.

She is urging women from across the region to join them.

Visit girlsnightoutwalk.co.uk to find out more.

Thrift – helping you go green

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SAVING money and increasing the value of your property – at the same time as helping the environment – seems like an impossible combination.

But Ely business Thrift Energy firmly and passionately believes this can and should happen, and has been a staunch supporter of the Green Deal Home Improvement Fund since its launch by the Department of Energy and Climate Change on June 6, 2014.

The scheme, funded by central government allows homeowners and private landlords to claim a voucher to help fund improvements; including the addition of solid wall insulation, double glazing or energy-efficiency heating.

Now, having already managed to save an estimated £1,000,000 per year off fuel bills for thousands of residents and property owners by providing proper insulation – both improving people's health and reducing their carbon footprint – Thrift is encouraging Cambridgeshire locals to take advantage of limited funding available as part of the Cambridge Green Deal Communities Scheme.

Money through the scheme, which is Phase 2 of the Green Deal Fund, is available until June 30 on a first-come, first-served basis – it is not means-tested.

The funding covers part of the cost of installing solid wall insulation, up to a maximum of £4,000 per property for home owners and private landlords. The homeowner or landlord is expected to pay a minimum of 25% of the cost.

For those renting, there may be a maximum of £1,000 available for other improvements recommended on an Energy Performance Certificate, such as high efficiency gas boilers or cavity wall insulation.

The Energy Saving Trust estimates that bill payers can save up to £460 per year due to the insulation conserving heat and of course the process also improves the look of the property. The Insulated Render and Cladding Association (INCA) also believe Solid Wall Insulation will increase the value of the property.

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For more information call 0800 6893415 or (01353) 723333, or email on *info@thriftenergy.co.uk*.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Host a French student

HOST families are needed for French students coming to Ely in July.

The students, aged 12-17, will be in Ely from Wednesday, July 6 to Tuesday, July 19, and will be attending classes and going on educational visits each day between 8.30am and 5.30pm, meaning even working families can be a host.

Families are paid an allowance to provide their student with food each day. Call Sarah Pettit on 07736 308047 to find out more.

Pam's new history book out on May 15

LOCAL historian and author Pam Blakeman MBE has written a new pocket-size book about Ely.

The 96-page book, Ely History Tour, shows the reader how Ely's streets and landmarks have transformed over time, and boasts a handy location map.

Ely History Tour will be available from all local book shops from May 15, priced £6.99.

FUNDRAISING

Courtney's challenge in aid of Branching Out

THREE PEAKS: Courtney Pettifor, from Littleport, is taking on the Three Peaks Challenge to raise as much as he can for local charity, Branching Out.

JORDAN **DAY**
@JordanDayCN

A UNIVERSITY student is taking on three of the UK's highest mountains to help support people in the Ely area with additional needs.

Courtney Pettifor, 21, raised around £1,500 for PAPYRUS, the UK charity dedicated to the prevention of young suicide, when he climbed Mount Kilimanjaro last summer.

Now the former Ely College student is gearing himself up for the Three Peaks Challenge, with the aim of raising as much as he can for the Littleport-based charity, Branching Out.

The challenge will see Courtney, who is in his final year studying sport science at St Mary's University in Twickenham, taking on Ben Nevis at 1344m, Scafell Pike at 978m and Snowdon at 1085m.

Courtney, of Fishers Bank, Littleport, said: "I've been a casual support worker at Branching Out since 2014 and try and help out whenever I can.

"Branching Out is a fantastic charity which supports adults with learning disabilities in a variety of fun work experience and social activities, whilst helping people to overcome difficulties and achieve in everyday life.

"I haven't really set myself a fundraising target; I just want to raise as much as I can. All the money I raise will make a huge difference to the happiness and the opportunities available to the charity's users, who are absolutely awesome people."

Courtney will start the gruelling expedition at 9am on Saturday, May 28 and aims to complete it by 9am the following day.

He said: "I've heard the Three Peaks Challenge is a tough one so I'm expecting it to be challenging but I've been doing quite a lot of training and I've been in the gym.

"I'm doing the challenge with two people I met on the Kilimanjaro trek last year so at least we'll be able to support each other."

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Cedars Country & Equestrian

Open Day at Fen Farm Supplies

REOPENING AFTER A 25-YEAR GAP: Cedars Country & Equestrian Tack Shop is on Mepal Road near Ely

Equestrian specialist Cedars is ready to reopen on Sunday

A SPECIALIST equestrian store is to be reopened after a quarter of a century this spring – remaining in the capable hands of the same family who originally launched the business in 1969.

It's a real family affair at Cedars Country & Equestrian tack shop; closed 25 years ago, it got off the ground in Cottenham thanks to David and Valerie Wilkin.

On Sunday, May 1 the shop – now situated within the grounds of Witcham Equestrian Centre in Mepal Road near Ely – will open its doors once again, specialising in a range of technical rider and country wear.

And with the fanfare of an Open Day on Sunday, the founders' granddaughter Katie Wilkin will proudly take over the reins.

The reinvigorated business will stock horse wear, supplements, leather work, horse care items,

ADVERTISING FEATURE

stable equipment and pet care products, with the ultimate aim of combining the traditional outlook of the original business with a modern approach.

And this modern approach will be plain for all to see on Sunday, with fashion shows and a chance to see products first hand.

Katie has, until now, been helping out with her parents' business on the same site.

Mark Wilkin and Tracey Prime launched Fen Farm Supplies in 1997, manufacturing fencing panels and trellis supplies and selling a large range of fencing products and animal feed.

The ethos of the Witcham businesses is one of family pulling together – with Mark's brother Peter working as accounts manager, Tracey's father Bruce doing

CEDARS: The simulated experience, left, and the real thing, right

deliveries and Mark's nephew Joe making fencing panels.

All products at Cedars have been tested at Sally Witcham's adjoining business Witcham Equestrian Centre, which is a BHS approved school with fully-qualified instructors providing group and private lessons and a livery service. Witcham EC will be one of the main attractions on Sunday, holding live demonstrations and trial sessions on a horse simulator.

Fen Farm Supplies will also be taking part. Mark said: "We thought it would be nice idea for all the businesses to come together."

Tracey added: "The best thing about working with family is that you are all working for the same goals, you can trust your family and we all pull together."

Refreshments will also be available at the Open Day, to be held from 12.30pm until 4pm. For more information call (01353) 776126. Alternatively email *sales@fenfarmsupplies.co.uk*.

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Bank Holiday larks at Glasswells

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GLASSWELLS: Bank Holiday fun includes face-painting and balloon twisting

JASON VALE: Juicing for health over the Bank Holiday weekend

HEALTHY EATING: A Place To Eat will celebrate good food choices

AFTER 70 years in business as the largest independent furniture store in East Anglia Glasswells have all the reason in the world to throw a good party.

Across the Bank Holiday Weekend, the respected retailers will invite customers not only to browse their usual wide range of stock, but also to take part in a landmark knees-up.

There will be big-sale savings for all visiting their flagship Ipswich and Bury St Edmunds stores, along with entertainment, activities, lots of competitions, cake, refreshments, a treasure hunt; and so much more.

Paul Glasswell, managing Director of the family business – which also has branches in Saffron Walden and Haverhill – said: "We are celebrating with our customers, as without them we wouldn't have made it this far."

Opened in 1946 and run today by the grandson of its founder, Glasswells continues to abide by the family traditions it was built on great choice, quality and customer service.

The stores continue to carry an impressive range of stock as well as offering interior design advice, domestic and commercial storage, removals and – as a nice bonus – a place to grab a bite to eat.

And the list of attractions over the business' birthday weekend is just as impressive, featuring a 1940s singer, face painting, balloon modelling, a magician and live cook shop demonstrations.

There will be lots of competitions, among which customers will be able to win a Stellar Rochester Cutlery Set worth £99.99 and a pair of Woodlodge Garden Pots worth £60.

And one lucky customer at each store will be able to win a Silentnight Holly Mattress worth up to £469.99.

But it's not all for grown-ups, with a Jellycat Bashful Lamb up for grabs too in the Flooring department's Find the Sheep hunt.

A special Nostalgia Menu will be available in the Place to Eat, to build up visitors' strength in between all the fun, with drinks and cake on hand to keep things in the party spirit.

Events will take place at the Ipswich store, in Ranelagh Road, from 9am to 6pm on Saturday (April 30) and at Bury St Edmunds, in Newmarket Road, from 10am to 5pm on Bank Holiday Monday (May 1).

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■ May Day fun day at Denny Abbey Farmland Museum on Monday, May 2 from 10.30am-4.30pm. Maypole dancing, tours, crafts etc. Call (01223) 860988.

Ely

■ Mother's Union Prayer Group meeting at Ely Cathedral on Thursday at 10.30am.

■ Nine-week mindfulness-based stress reduction course starting at the Cathedral Centre on Thursday at 7pm. Call 07703 529959.

■ 'Upware and the characters of Swaffham Fen' is the title of the Fenland History on Friday talk at Ely Methodist Church this week. It starts at 10.30am. Call (01353) 648106.

■ 'Finding wisdom for life' themed day of reflection at Bishop Woodford House on Friday. Call (01353) 663039.

■ Cheeki Monkeys baby and children's event at the Ely Beet Club on Saturday from noon-2pm. Clothing, toys and equipment for sale. Entry 50p for adults, free for children. Call 07758 689347.

■ Ely and District branch of the University of the Third Age (U3A) meeting at the Countess Free Church on Tuesday, May 3 at 2.30pm. Visit u3asites.org/ely.

■ Nora Gardner speaking at Ely Cathedral Community's coffee morning at the Cathedral Centre on Wednesday, May 4 at 10.30am. At 7.30pm there is then a Mother's Union meeting at the centre.

■ Gill McGregor hosting City of Ely Flower Club's demonstration at Ely College on Thursday, May 5 at 7.15pm. Call (01353) 661457.

Littleport

■ Race night at the leisure centre on Saturday to raise money for attractions at the centre's fun day in June. On Sunday there is then a quiz night in aid of Littleport Community Primary School, eyes down at 7pm. On Wednesday, May 4 there is prize bingo starting at 7pm. Call (01353) 860600.

Prickwillow

■ Vintage tractor, motorcycle and cycle event at the Drainage Engine Museum on Sunday, May 8. The engines will also be running. The event is from 11am-4.30pm and usual admission prices apply. Call (01353) 688360.

Soham

■ Soham Bowls Club hosting a 'come and try it' day on Saturday from 10am-4pm. There will also be a coffee morning and tombola from 10am-noon.

■ Join Cambridge Rambling Club on a six-mile ramble around Soham on Wednesday, May 4. Meet at the car park in Ennion Close at 10am. Call (01954) 488465.

Stuntney

■ Stuntney and District Gardening Club's next meeting is at the social club on Monday, May 2 at 7pm. A talk and demonstration on summer plants and hanging baskets will be given. Call 07775 503595.

Wicken

■ May Day service and Maypole dancing at St Laurence's Church on Sunday at 3pm. Call (01353) 624295.

STAGE PRESENCE: Kerry Ellis hosted the musical theatre masterclass for King's Ely pupils.

West End actress inspires students

ACTRESS and singer Kerry Ellis put budding actors and actresses through their paces at King's Ely.

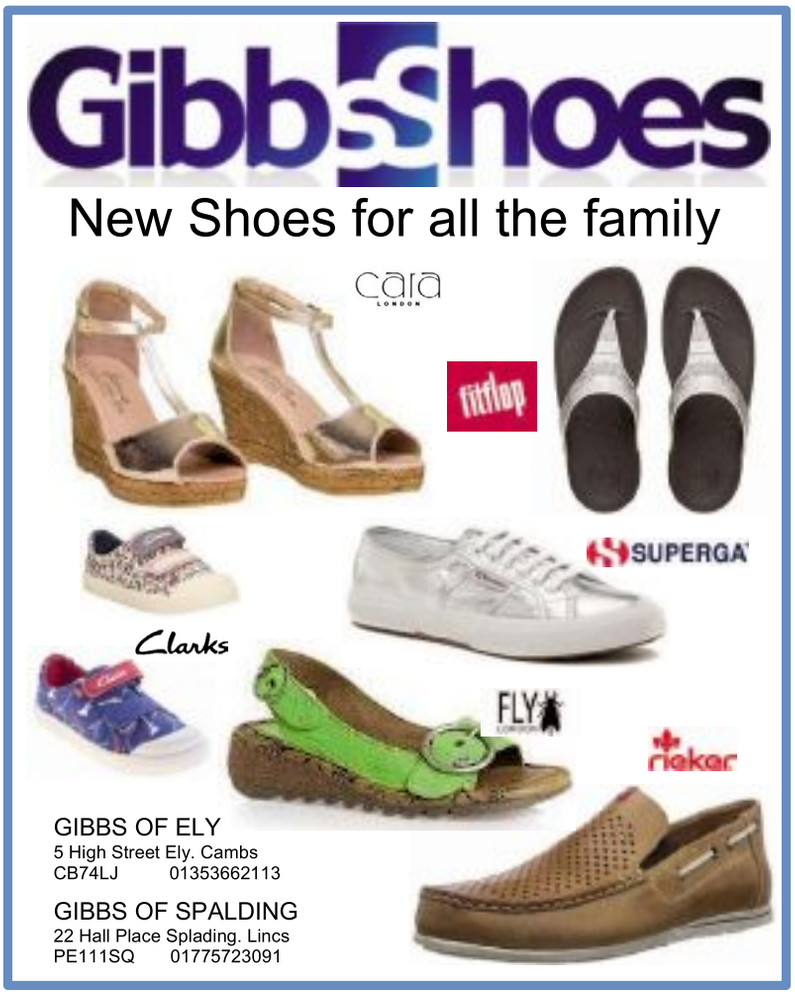
Kerry, who has graced the West End stage in shows including Cats, Wicked, Les Misérables and Oliver, as well as originating the role of 'Meat' in We Will Rock You, hosted a musical theatre masterclass at the school.

Nick Huntington, Director of Drama and Theatre at King's, said: "Kerry is a legend in the industry.

"Her advice was invaluable for the students and her performance of *I Dreamed A Dream* was worth the ticket price alone."

Kerry tweeted after the event: "Great night at King's Ely last night!

"Masterclass was fun, thank you for sharing your talents."



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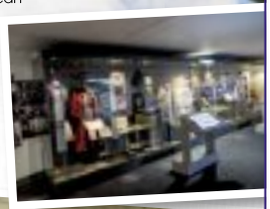

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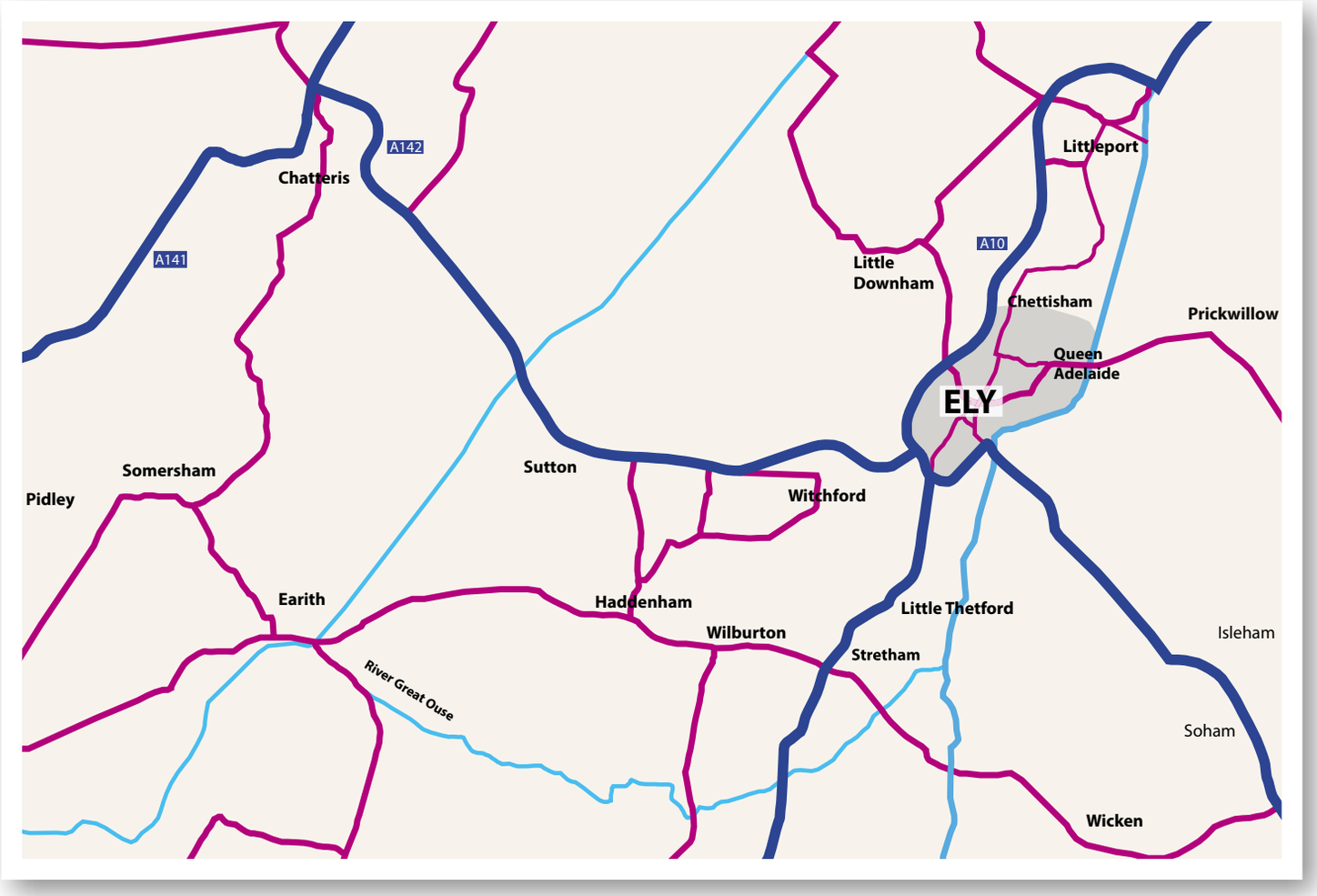

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March — £142,500

- Character cottage
- Riverside location
- Heavily beamed throughout
- 1 large bedroom
- Rustic kitchen diner
- Lounge & garden room
- Mooring rights
- EPC Rating G

Lt Thetford — £279,950

- Modern detached house
- Popular village location
- 3 bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen/diner
- En-suite
- Garage, parking & garage
- EPC Rating E

Ely — £475,000

- Character Grade II Listed
- Former Coach house
- Centrally located
- 2 g/floor bedrooms
- Master f/floor bedroom
- Spacious kitchen/diner
- Lounge with fireplace
- EPC Rating C

Ely — O.I.R.O. £525,000

- Substantial detached house
- 5 bedrooms
- 2 en- suites
- Spacious kitchen
- Lounge & dining room
- Study
- Double garage
- EPC rating C

Ely — Guide Price £500,000

- Detached residence
- Centrally located
- Modernisation required
- Detached barn
- 4 bedrooms
- 2 reception rooms
- Established rear garden
- EPC Rating TBC

Ely

- Modern terraced home
- Walking distance to town
- 2 double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Lounge/dining room
- Fitted kitchen
- 2 allocated parking spaces
- EPC Rating D

Aldreth

- Modern detached house
- Non-estate location
- 4 good size bedrooms
- En-suite & family bathroom
- Fitted kitchen/diner
- Lounge
- Entrance hall/playroom
- EPC Rating C

Littleport — £89,950

- Purpose built groundfloor
- apartment
- Bedroom
- Kitchen
- Lounge/dining room
- Electric heating
- Allocated parking
- EPC Rating E

Ely — £495,000

- Established detached house
- Extended and improved
- 4 bedrooms
- En-suite to master
- Lounge & dining room
- Fitted kitchen & utility
- Garage and parking
- EPC Rating B

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Cover property

Littleport: £315,000

THIS five bedroom detached house in Wellington Street, Littleport, is on the market for £315,000. It has many original features, and accommodation including a lounge, a dining room, a study, a kitchen/breakfast room and a utility room. There is a master bedroom with en suite, four more bedrooms and a family bathroom.
Outside there is a garage, a workshop and gardens.
Viewing can be arranged by telephoning William H Brown on (01353) 663311.

Property news

Local agency wins at ESTAS

ELY-based agency Platinum Properties received the Gold award for best agent in the South East, as voted by tenants, at the prestigious estate and letting agent awards, the ESTAS, held at the Grosvenor House Hotel on London's Park Lane on Friday, April 15, attended by 900 of the UK's top property professionals.

The awards, now in their 13th year, determine the best estate and letting agents in the UK through research carried out amongst clients who are asked a series of questions about the service they have received from their agent. Over 30,000 questionnaires were completed by customers during the competition.

Estate and letting agents were shortlisted in 15 regions around the UK in which Platinum Properties were also shortlisted for the landlord-voted award.

Simon Brown, founder of The ESTAS, said: "The ESTAS are special because shortlisted and winning firms are selected purely on the service they deliver to their clients. In fact, just taking part shows a firm's commitment to their customers so to be shortlisted is a great achievement in itself and for the winners this is the highest accolade they can receive in the industry."

Phil Spencer, who has hosted the ESTAS every year since their inception in 2003, said: "The ESTAS recognise all firms involved in the buying and selling process. Agents, brokers, conveyancers and developers are all judged in exactly the same way, purely on customer feedback. People find moving home to be one of the most stressful experiences of their lives. It is important that agents, mortgage brokers, conveyancers and developers help make this milestone in their lives as smooth as possible and provide the high-quality service the customer expects and deserves. The ESTAS recognise those professionals that are most committed to doing so."

Jon Notley, chief commercial officer of headline sponsor Zoopla said: "This is our sixth year sponsoring The ESTAS and we are delighted to be once again supporting this key industry event. Customer feedback is essential to any organisation and it is fantastic to see the best in the industry being recognised for their efforts. Many congratulations to all of this year's winners."

Maria Morgan, managing director of Platinum Properties, said: "We are absolutely thrilled to be recognised at this year's ESTAS. We were delighted to have been shortlisted in both the landlord and tenant categories initially, which was a huge honour alone given that we are a relatively young company, but to win the award voted for by our tenants means so much to us, as we know it's our customers who have judged our performance. We take our levels of customer service very seriously, which is part of the reason why both myself and Tanya Pearson, despite our many years in the business, are so committed to Platinum Properties becoming a trailblazing company in our approach, because we know clients have a choice. We have always been very proud of the personal service and the personal recommendations we receive for that, but this also proves we are delivering on our promises and we look forward to coming back again next year to fight for a title in both the landlord and tenant categories again."

See *theestas.com*.

Help to find your next home

HOME sellers face a significant challenge when it comes to finding their next home in the current property market, where demand for properties massively outweigh supply, according to local estate agency William H Brown in Ely. But through its 'Help to Find' service, William H Brown can help buyers achieve the best price for their existing property while also supporting them in finding the home of their dreams for their onward purchase:

"Properties are in short supply and home owners who want to take their next step up the ladder are finding it easy to sell but not necessarily easy to purchase their next home," said Scott Stewart, branch manager at William H Brown in Ely. "Our 'Help to Find' service allows us to not only market our customer's property to gain the best price, but also market the sellers themselves as potential buyers to owners of the type of property they wish to move to - a 360 degree service from us. "Many of our customers are time-poor and so we make it our mission to actively search for their next property on their behalf," continued Scott. "We're the experts in the local market and can provide guidance on the home buying process for both existing homeowners and first time buyers. Through our comprehensive range of professional home moving services – including residential sales, mortgage services, conveyancing - we can provide a seamless service, manage the whole property chain, and achieve the best results for our customers."

For more information, contact William H Brown on (01353) 663311 or email *ely@sequencehome.co.uk*.

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£325,000

EPC D

Own Your Own Corner Of Columbine Guide Price £325,000 to £335,000 15 years ago my sellers wanted a home to start and then bring up their family in.

- Detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Kitchen/dining room
- En suite to master bedroom
- Built in wardrobes in all bedrooms
- Garage and drive
- Popular development
- Corner plot

Space, Space And More Space £550,000

Witchford EPC D

Sitting on a total plot of just over 1/3 acre, Michael and Linda knew there would be room to extend the bungalow to get the living space they wanted, without compromising the opportunity for Linda to fully follow her passion for gardening. REF 9963

- Detached bungalow
- Three double bedrooms
- Re fitted kitchen
- Three receptions
- En suite to master
- Off road parking

Extended Detached Bungalow

Soham

£175,000

EPC C

Perfect First Time Buy A lovely house - priced to attract immediate interest. My seller moved here as one and leaves as a family of five, the fact she is only moving around the corner to a different house is testament to how happy she has been in the area.

To The Manor Born

Wereham

£425,000

EPC G

The feeling of grandeur and opulence strikes as soon as you enter the Grade ll listed East Wing of The Manor House. The manor house originally dates back to 1722 and was constructed of flint and carrstone, with the front aspect being refaced in brick circa 1729 and many original features still remain. Adjacent to the fireplace in the reception hall is a secret passageway leading to the level cellar, but what other way to spot all its secrets if not by looking around it.REF 9892

Character Property

Renovation Required

Littleport

£225,000

EPC D

Looking for a property to restore to its former glory? Are you from a family of skilled tradesman and want to call in all those long overdue favors? This quirky detached cottage will make a wonderful home for someone with imagination and flair. REF 9952

Detached Family Home

A Property To Put Your Stamp On

Littleport

O.I.E.O. £170,000

EPC C

Looking for a solid build property, close to local amenities, with good transport links and in a quiet area? Then this three bedrooms semi-detached house can be your new home and it's also ideal if you want to put your own stamp on it. REF 10013

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EPC G

From the moment you pull up to the secure electric gates you cannot fail to be impressed. The sweeping gravel driveway showcases this attractive period property beautifully and the interior is equally stunning. From the attractive kitchen that strikes the balance between period and modern to the lounge with its real wood burner you will see how lovingly this home has been restored and improved by the current owners.
REF: 9665

Simply Stunning!!

£225,000

Littleport EPC C

Built For Entertaining Guide Price £225,000 to £235,000 My sellers loved this house from the second they saw the plans and were lucky enough to secure the property before it was even built. The house works right from the start for couples or families.

- Semi detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Kitchen/dining room
- Two en suites
- Family bathroom
- Garage
- Chain free
- Move planned for summer holidays

A Character Cottage £325,000

Soham EPC D

Character bedrooms Cottage In The Heart Of Soham A happy home for 43 years is testament to both house and neighborhood. A solid house with a history. REF 9873

- Detached period house
- Three bedrooms
- Three receptions
- Study/office/playroom
- Garden to rear
- Garage & allocated parking

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Haddenham £255,000

A deceptively spacious three bedroom semi-detached bungalow in a cul de sac location close to the village centre.

1 3 2 1 EPC D 76m²

Sutton £214,500

A well appointed three bedroom semi-detached house with conservatory and garage which lies in an appealing cul de sac position in this popular village location.

1 3 1 1 EPC D 75m²

Ely

A well appointed 3 bedroom semi detached house which lies in an appealing position within this highly popular near central cul de sac location.

1 3 1 1 EPC D 77m²

Ely £290,000

A lovely and particularly spacious three bedroom end of terrace townhouse with driveway and garage which forms part of a sought after development of properties a little over a mile from the City Centre.

101m² 1 3 1 3 EPC C

Ely £420,000

A much improved and well presented five bedroom family home situated on a generous corner plot with ample parking and a separate office & utility / playroom to the rear.

128m² 1 5 2 3 EPC C

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Prickwillow £340,000

An impressive four bedroom detached family home with the flexibility of the guest bedroom being a reception room, situated in a small close in this picturesque hamlet.

TBC | 1 | 4 | 2 | 2 | EPC TBC

Ely

A superbly appointed, detached, two bedroom bungalow which lies in a sought after cul de sac setting a little over a mile from the City centre.

64m² | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | EPC D

Wicken £1,700 pcm

A modern detached house in the heart of the village yet tucked way in a wonderful position backing on to open farmland. Tenancy Fees Apply.

4 | 2 | 3 | EPC E | 155m²

Stretham £650 pcm

A particularly well appointed two bedroom mid terrace property which lies in this sought after village location. Tenancy Fees Apply.

0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | EPC D | 49m²

Ely £895 pcm pcm*

A very well presented three bedroom semidetached house situated in a popular residential area and close to schools and Ely College. Tenancy Fees Apply.

1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | EPC D | 69m²

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Little Downham £450,000.

Situated in the heart of this popular village, this period family home offers versatile character accommodation with outbuildings, stables and garden extending to approximately 0.4 of an acre (sts). Accommodation comprises entrance hallway, lounge, dining room, study, kitchen/family room, 4 bedrooms, family bathroom, store room/brick outbuilding and garden. EPR E.

Wicken £550,000

A superbly presented non-estate detached family home on a generous plot in this highly regarded village. Spacious accommodation comprises hall, cloakroom, 3 reception rooms, open plan kitchen/breakfast room, utility, 4 double bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, driveway, double garage & attractive south facing rear garden backing onto open farmland and National Trust Wicken Fen. EPR D.

Soham £600,000

A highly individual architect designed detached single storey residence, finished to the highest specification on a plot of approx 1/4 of an acre (sts). Reception hall, cloakroom, utility, stunning contemporary kitchen/family room opening into spacious lounge/dining room, 4 double bedrooms (1 ensuite), bedroom 5/office, bathroom, double garage, extensive driveway, well maintained landscaped garden. EPR TBC.

Ely £650,000

An immaculately presented substantial detached 3-storey townhouse situated in a superb location giving easy access to Ely City Centre. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room, dining room, utility, lounge, 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms (1 ensuite), together with driveway, car port, garage and enclosed rear garden. The property also benefits from gas central heating.

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Little Downham £219,950

A superbly presented semi detached property situated in a non estate location within the highly regarded village of Little Downham. Entrance hall, kitchen, cloakroom, lounge, conservatory, 2 double bedrooms and bathroom, together with off road parking and attractive walled gardens. The property benefits from gas central heating and double glazing. EPR B.

Ely £229,950

A charming Victorian cottage situated in a central location within walking distance of city amenities. Accommodation comprises lounge, kitchen, ground floor bathroom, 2 bedrooms, outhouse together with front and rear gardens and off road parking. The property also benefits from gas central heating. EPR D.

Ely £235,000

Situated in a central city location this established terraced home has accommodation which includes lounge/dining room, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom and enclosed garden. The property also benefits from gas central heating. EPR TBC.

Soham £239,950

An established semi detached property situated in a non estate location and requiring some cosmetic updating. Includes entrance hall, kitchen/breakfast room, rear hall with utility area, cloakroom, lounge, separate dining room, 3 double bedrooms, bathroom and W.C. Outside there are gardens, driveway and garage. No upward chain. EPR E.

Stretham £325,000

An extended detached bungalow situated in a popular cul-de-sac location. Accommodation comprises entrance hallway, lounge/dining room, open plan kitchen / breakfast room, 3 bedrooms (one with ensuite wet room), family bathroom together with spacious driveway, single garage, front and rear gardens. The property benefits from air source heating and fitted solar panels. EPR E.

Ely £369,950

Situated on the popular Spires Development, this modern detached home has accommodation comprising entrance hallway, lounge, dining room, study, kitchen/ breakfast room, conservatory, 4 bedrooms (master with ensuite), family bathroom, single garage driveway and gardens. The property also benefits from gas central heating and has recently had replacement double glazing throughout. EPR D.

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Sutton £219,995

A well presented semi detached property in a cul de sac location on a popular residential development. Entrance hall, cloakroom, living room, open plan kitchen/dining room, 3 bedrooms and bathroom, spacious driveway, single garage, front and rear gardens. Benefits include gas central heating, double glazing and planning permission for a 2-storey extension. EPR D.

Haddenham £275,000

A well presented established semi detached house situated in the highly regarded village of Haddenham. Modernised and greatly improved, the accommodation briefly comprises entrance hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, ground floor shower room, 3 bedrooms, off road parking and gardens. The property also benefits from oil central heating and double glazing. EPR E.

Ely £350,000

A well presented modern property on a highly regarded residential development. Entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen, dining room, lounge, 4 bedrooms (1 with ensuite) with 1 bedroom being an impressive loft conversion, low maintenance garden, driveway, garage, gas central heating & double glazing. No upward chain. EPR C.

Haddenham £325,000

A sympathetically extended and improved semi detached property set on a generous plot with modern and contemporary accommodation. Entrance hall, cloakroom, open plan kitchen/dining room, lounge, 3 double bedrooms (1 with dressing room area & ensuite), bathroom, south facing rear garden and large frontage providing ample off road vehicular parking. EPR TBC.

Soham £445,000

A highly individual detached bungalow in a non estate location offering versatile family accommodation which includes entrance hallway, lounge, separate dining room, kitchen, utility room, conservatory, 4 bedrooms, 2 ensuite, family bathroom, double garage, parking and gardens. The property also benefits from gas central heating and double glazing. EPR C

Wicken Guide Price £410,000

A superbly extended individual detached home providing contemporary family living, situated within a quiet lane close to the highly regarded Wicken Fen Nature Reserve. Hall, cloakroom, superb bespoke fitted kitchen opening into family room, lounge/dining room, master bedroom suite with modern ensuite, 3 further bedrooms, bathroom, gardens & carport. EPR D.

Wentworth £675,000

A superb individual detached period home in this Highly regarded hamlet with views across surrounding farmland. Versatile family accommodation comprises drawing room, snug/dining room, cloakroom, utility, kitchen/breakfast room, 5 bedrooms (1 ensuite) & bathroom, mature gardens, double heritage oak framed cartlodge and small barn. EPR E.

Haddenham £450,000

A spacious detached family home situated in a small exclusive development of just 6 properties. Accommodation comprises entrance hallway, lounge, dining room, study, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, cloakroom, 4 bedrooms (master with dressing room and ensuite), further ensuite, family bathroom, double garage, parking and gardens. EPR D.

Ely £387,500

An immaculately presented and spacious detached home situated within a no-through road and comprising entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, conservatory, separate dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, 4 bedrooms (1 ensuite) and bathroom, together with driveway, garage and enclosed garden which is not overlooked from the rear.

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Littleport £795 pcm

Semi Detached three bedroom house with garage, driveway and enclosed rear garden. EPC: C

Ely £850 pcm

Modern three bedroom terraced house with an enclosed garden and carport. EPC: C

Ely £900 pcm

Semi detached three bedroom house with an enclosed rear garden, single garage and parking. EPC: C

Soham £675 pcm

Modern two bedroom terraced cottage, which has been newly redecorated and carpeted throughout. EPC: E

Witchford £675 pcm

Detached two bedroom bungalow in a popular village with garage and driveway. EPC: D

Ely £725 pcm

Modern two bedroom end of terrace house within walking distance to the city centre. EPC: D

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Soham £215,000

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Soham £99,995

One bedroom flat in the centre of Soham, close to local amenities comprising of Lounge, kitchen, bedroom, shower room. Electric heating. EPC rating D.

Soham £122,500

A semi detached bungalow situated on a popular over 55's residential development in Soham with accommodation offering entrance hall, kitchen, lounge, conservatory, two bedrooms and bathroom. The property benefits from electric heating and allocated parking space. EPC Rating: D.

Soham £275,000

Detached bungalow comprising hall, kitchen, utility room, lounge, dining room, conservatory, two bedrooms, bathroom. Gas heating. Enclosed garden. Garage and parking. EPC rating D.

Snailwell £310,000

We are delighted to offer for sale this charming end of terrace period cottage which dates from 1883. Lovingly maintained by the current owner it retains it's period feel and character. Situated in the very popular village of Snailwell an early viewing of this property is highly recommended.

Soham £1,150 pcm

Spacious semi detached house comprising Kitchen/breakfast room, wc, lounge/diner, Master bedroom with Juliet balcony and en-suite shower room, two further bedrooms, family bathroom. Gas heating Enclosed rear garden. Gated driveway and garage. EPC rating C. Sorry No pets. Tenant fees apply. Available early May.

Soham £1,150 pcm

No fees to USAF Refurbished house comprising Lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility, cloakroom, three bedrooms, bathroom. Gas heating. Garage. EPC rating C. Available immediately. Sorry No pets. Tenant fees apply.

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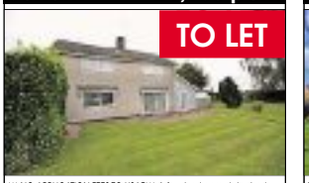

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Soham £300,000

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3 bedroom, master with en suite shower room, family bathroom, split level landing, entrance hall, sitting room, dining room, drawing room, kitchen/breakfast room, conservatory, cloakroom, utility, double garage, workshop, gardens. EPC rating: F

£650,000

BURWELL

A superb 17th century detached cottage offering expansive flexible accommodation throughout located in a non estate quiet position within this popular village.

5 bedrooms, master with en-suite bathroom, shower room, entrance lobby, cloakroom, reception, sitting room, dining room, kitchen/ breakfast room, boot room, utility, ground floor bathroom, snug, two double garages, gardens, parking, gas central heating, double glazed and solar panels. EPC rating: C

£625,000

HADDENHAM

An immaculately presented and extended 1850's detached family home offering spacious accommodation throughout and delightful mature plot.

4 bedrooms, family bathroom, entrance hall, sitting room, dining room, conservatory, kitchen, utility, family room, shower room, garage, off street parking and gardens. EPC rating: E

£530,000

WICKEN

A beautiful four bedroom detached cottage full of character, set in mature gardens with double garage.

4 bedrooms, master with en-suite, family bathroom, entrance hall, lounge, dining room, study, family room, kitchen, cloakroom, double garage, driveway and surrounding mature gardens. EPC rating: E

£499,950

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HADDENHAM

An immaculately presented and extended, impressive, detached family home offering expansive accommodation in-excess of 2,800 sqft set on a delightful plot in a quiet non estate position within this popular village.

5 bedrooms, master with en suite bathroom, bedrooms 1 and 2 with Jack and Jill en suite, family bathroom, landing, reception hall, sitting room, dining room, family room, study, utility, kitchen/breakfast room, cloakroom, double garage, parking, gardens. EPC rating: D

£675,000

CHETTISHAM

A five bedroom, chalet-style home set in 0.8 acres, with two stables in a popular, rural hamlet.

5 bedrooms, 2 en suites, family bathroom, cloakroom, kitchen/living/dining room, study/ bedroom 6, utility room, front and rear entrance halls. EPC rating: D

£549,950

LITTLE DOWNHAM

A well presented four bedroom detached family home offering good sized accommodation throughout with Cathedral views to the front, located in a non estate position.

4 bedrooms, family bathroom, shower room, reception hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, utility, cloakroom, garage, off-street parking and gardens. EPC rating: E

£399,950

HADDENHAM

A well presented and extended individual three bedroom detached home offering spacious accommodation and extensive plot including a swimming pool.

3 bedrooms, shower room, landing, entrance hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, utility, bathroom, porch, gardens, garage/workshop, off street parking, swimming pool, studio/office, economy seven heating and double glazed. EPC rating: F

£375,000

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SUTTON

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3 bedrooms, master with en-suite, family bathroom, entrance hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, gardens, single garage, secure off street parking, gas central heating, double glazed and no chain. EPC rating: D

£350,000

HADDENHAM

A well presented and extended double fronted three bedroom semi detached home located within this popular cul-de-sac offering spacious accommodation.

3 bedrooms, master with en-suite, family bathroom, landing, entrance hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, uPVC conservatory, cloakroom, garage, off street parking, garage, backing onto fields. EPC rating: E

£297,950

NEW

SUTTON £179,950

A well presented three bedroom semi detached home offering good sized accommodation located within this popular cul-de-sac.

3 bedrooms, family bathroom, landing, entrance hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, gardens, garage, gas central heating, double glazed and no chain. EPC rating: D

LITTLEPORT £335,000

An immaculately presented and updated detached family home offering good sized accommodation throughout located in a non estate position with private plot.

3 generous bedrooms, master and bedroom 2 with en-suite shower rooms, bedroom 3 with additional dressing room/study, family bathroom, landing, reception hall, sitting room, conservatory, dining room, kitchen, utility, cloakroom, garage, gardens and off-street parking. EPC rating: C

NEW

LITTLEPORT £164,950

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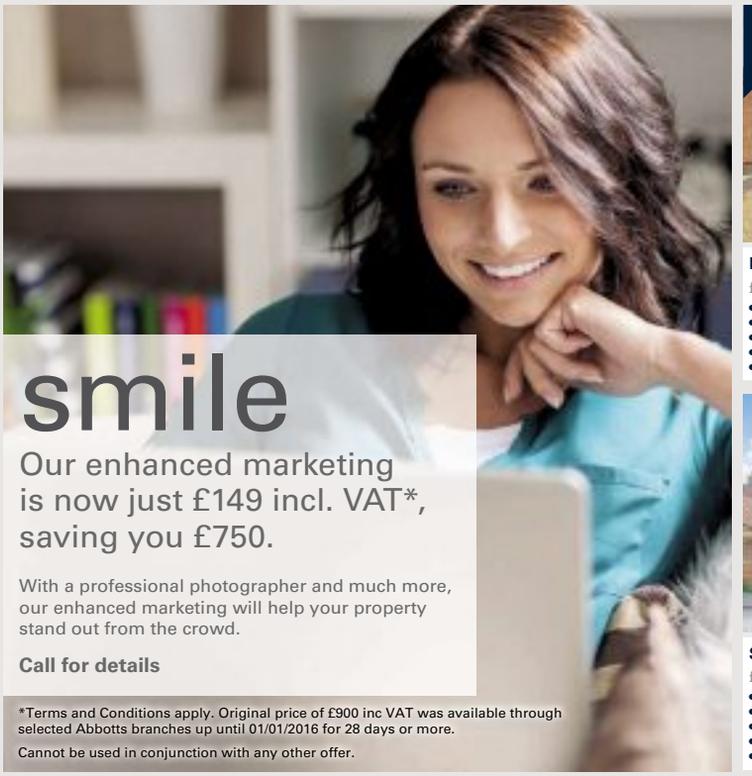

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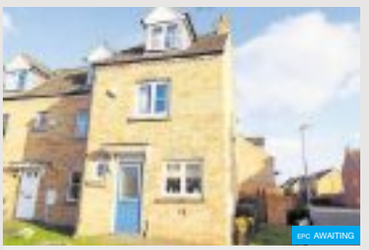

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CELEBRATION

Happy 90th Birthday, Ma'am!

RED, white and blue were the chosen colours as the Ely area went all out to celebrate Her Majesty's 90th birthday.

Families, schools, businesses and groups across the district marked the occasion in style last week.

On Thursday night, more than 200 people attended a beacon lighting ceremony on Ely's Market Place, organised by the City of Ely Council.

The City of Ely Military Band played the national anthem, Celebration, Happy Birthday and other tunes, much to the delight of the crowd.

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Ely's town crier, Avril Hayter-Smith, also read a special royal-themed 'cry' she had written.

Ely's Mayor, Lis Every, said: "I thought it was a lovely event – short and sweet but just right. As ever, our band, town crier and local residents did us proud, and it was nice to see so many children, including the Scouts, there."

Numerous shops in the city decorated their windows for the occasion, including Cherry Hill Chocolates in the High Street, and Ely Cathedral's Octagon Tower and Galilee Porch were bathed in red, white and blue lights from Thursday until Sunday.

On Sunday afternoon, a Choral Evensong and civic celebration was held at the cathedral.

As well as music and readings, 90 candles were lit around the altar and the cathedral choir sang Zadok the Priest.

At King's Ely, pupils enjoyed Queen-themed assemblies and a 'street festival' party, and a colourful flower bed was also planted in Barton Square.

At King's Ely Acremont, a photo was taken of all the children via an air drone. Children and staff dressed in the relevant colours and formed a '90' with a crown attached. The picture has been sent to the Queen.

The grand finale for the day took place at the Old Palace, where the school threw a tea party for more than 90 local residents. Some of the guests were also turning 90 this year themselves; others had left that age more than a decade ago.

Soham Over 60's Club also held a special lunch on Saturday to celebrate the occasion, and the Friends of Ely Library held a 'cuppa and cake for £1' event in the Queen's honour.

ALL LIT UP: Ely Cathedral's Octagon Tower looked stunning bathed in red, white and blue lights from Thursday through to Sunday.

ROYAL KNEES-UP: Pupils at King's Ely enjoyed a whole host of events to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday, below

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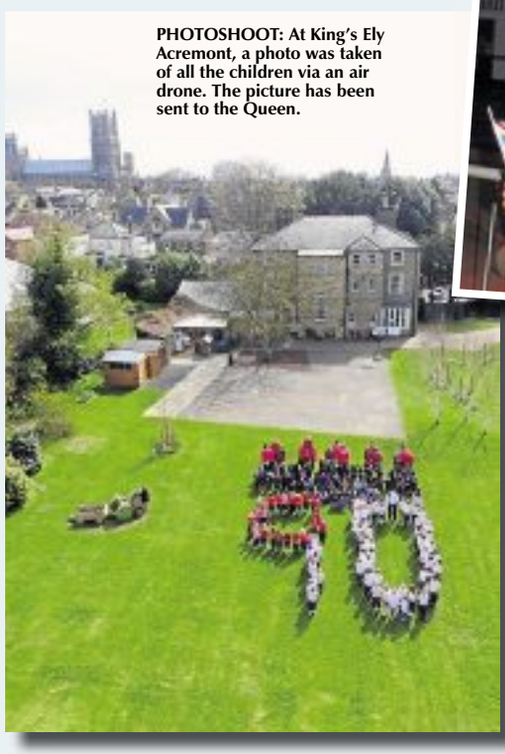
PARTY TIME: Ely's Mayor, Lis Every, pictured at the beacon lighting ceremony on Ely Market Place on Thursday night.



PHOTOSHOOT: At King's Ely Acremont, a photo was taken of all the children via an air drone. The picture has been sent to the Queen.

ALL SMILES: King's Ely really went to town to commemorate the major milestone.

Door firm Deanta UK on the move

INTERIOR door manufacturers, Deanta UK, look set to be moving on to Ely's Lancaster Way Business Park.

The company, which is currently based on the Half Acre Industrial Estate in nearby Pymoor, has applied for planning permission to build an eco-friendly new warehouse, distribution unit and office space on land south of Wellington Road.

In a statement to East Cambridgeshire District Council, the firm, which makes oak, walnut and white primed interior doors, said: "The design is of a 'warehouse building' style development under a double pitched roof.

"The proposal is intended to deliver economical office space and storage area with super high levels of insulation to the walls, roof and floors to ensure super low energy consumption and low running costs.

"The site is on an established business site with existing B1, B2, and B8 uses which makes this a suitable location for the proposed development."

Bosses say their aim is "to create a development which is sympathetic to the character of the business park by following the typical pattern of the existing building style whilst creating a sleek and contemporary building which will accommodate the increasingly demand for space on the premises for Deanta UK".

Lancaster Way Business Park is now part of the new Cambridge Compass Enterprise Zone. Enterprise Zone status brings with it a number of benefits, including a business rate discount of up to 100 per cent for five years for businesses.

It was secured by the Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough LEP in the Autumn Statement.

PRIZE TIME: Charlie Stringer, left, receives her voucher from Helen Watkins

Charlie customer no. 25,000!

A POPULAR shop has celebrated serving its 25,000th customer.

Helen Watkins, owner of The Eel Catcher's Daughter in Ely High Street, marked the milestone on Saturday.

It was Charlie Stringer, from Ely, who was the 25,000th person to make a purchase since the shop opened its doors in November 2013.

Charlie received a £50 voucher to spend in the shop.

The Eel Catcher's Daughter – named after Ely's association with the humble eel – sells design-led costume jewellery and accessories, homeware and gifts.

Before she opened the shop, Helen ran a stall called Peberdy Tate on Ely's craft and collectables market for eight years.

Pop into the shop or search for the business on Facebook to find out more.

Price Bailey in High St

CHARTERED accountants and business advisers Price Bailey are now in Ely's High Street.

The move into retail premises – the former Blockbusters store – marks a first for the firm and will be its first office to open on Saturdays.

Price Bailey has had a presence in Ely for more than 27 years and has occupied its previous offices in Broad Street since 2002.

As well as continuing to serve its existing client base in and around Ely, the firm hopes that the new location and convenient opening hours will also attract new clients.

"We are all very excited about the move. Our new office will enable us to provide our clients with a convenient, six days a week service from a much more visible and accessible presence in the centre of town," said Price Bailey's managing director, Martin Clapson.

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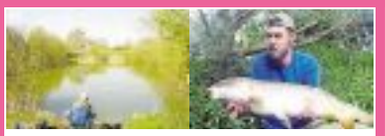

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Album launch

TALENTED local singer/songwriter Remy Gensale is launching her new album this week.

Romy, from Isleham, will be launching 'The Garden', which is her third album, on The Captain's Table – Ely's cruising restaurant and bar – on Friday, April 29.

She will play a short set from her album and there will be live music playing all evening.

Born in London in the early 60's of hard working migrant parents, Romy says her ears and eyes were opened very early on to a "wonderful mix of art and music from all over the world".

She said: "This served as a natural influence which was obviously taken for granted as a child.

"As with most children, art and music is a natural way of making sense of our inner and outer world, and so it continues into adulthood if we're lucky.

"My former two solo E.P.s 'Solid Ground' and 'Love and Hurt' are about my inner world (and turmoil!) and my relationships with other people whereas my new album, 'The Garden', from the title track, 'The Garden Where No Flowers Grow', is an eclectic mix of songs and genres about the world around us, our relationship and responsibility to it, and to ourselves and others and our ultimate impact.

"From songs entitled 'Scream to Little Ladle Yodel Song', the album really is a mix of genres and is not as heavy as one may initially think – there is much fun and hope too."

The event on Friday starts at 8pm and all are welcome.

To find out more about Romy and her new album, including how to buy it, visit romygensale.yolasite.com or search for her on Facebook.

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ROUND UP

● BABYLON Arts is preparing for its biggest ever summer art exhibition as part of its 21st anniversary celebrations.
The exhibition will be at Ely's Babylon Gallery, in Waterside, from July 9 to August 21 and the theme is 'Ely Cathedral: Ship of the Fens' – whether it is the iconic building itself, its people or the surrounding landscape.
Artists – either professional or amateur – who wish to participate are invited to exhibit up to three pieces of their work. To be part of the show, artists need to apply by May 27.
A fee of £10 per piece is required to support installation and the launch event, and selection will take place in early June.
Pop into the gallery or Tindalls for an application form, or go to babylonarts.org.uk to find out more.

● CALLING all food junkies! Popular cooks Sabrina Ghayour and Jasmine and Melissa Hemsley are coming to Ely on Tuesday, May 10.
Sabrina will be talking about her new cook book, Sirocco, at St Mary's Church at 1.15pm.
In the evening, Jasmine and Melissa will be celebrating the publication of their second book, Good + Simple, at St Peter's Church, starting at 7.30pm.
For tickets, pop into Toppings in Ely's High Street, call (01353) 645005 or visit toppingbooks.co.uk.

● VINTAGE lovers will be in their element in Aldreth next weekend.
A Vintage Fair is being held in the village on Saturday, May 7 where there will be everything from vintage vehicles to a Spitfire flypast, as well as crafts, live music, stalls, family games and food galore.
The fun is running from 11am-5pm. Search for 'Aldreth Vintage Fair' on Facebook to find out more.

MUSIC

KD Academy runs new classes in Soham

SOHAM'S award-winning KD Theatre Company has launched new performing arts and singing classes for youngsters.

The KD Academy is running a new singing class on Tuesdays where students can put their singing skills into practice and work towards exams through the London College Of Music.

On Wednesdays the academy is now running new drama classes where students can develop their acting skills whilst working towards exams through The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art (LAMDA).

There is also a new adult tap dance class on a Wednesday.

KD Academy also runs its popular Saturday Theatre School (ages 6 to 18), KD KIDZ (ages 3 to 5) and Freestyle Tap (ages 6 to 18).

All classes are held at the Ross Peers Sports Centre in Soham.

To find out more, call (01638) 781037, email kdacademy@kdtheatre.co.uk or visit kdtheatre.co.uk.

ART

Stunning coastal scenes exhibition in Haddenham

NORFOLK based artist Tony Foster is exhibiting his work in Haddenham this spring.

Tony, who studied painting at St Albans and Ravensbourne Schools of Art, and who now lives on the north Norfolk coast, says his recent work explores the possibilities of interpreting his feelings for the area without attempting a literal representation.

He works with acrylic paint and collage to build layers of texture and colour.

His work is on show – and sale – at Haddenham Galleries, in the High Street, until June 5.

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Ely Eel Festival Weekend, including the Food and Drink Festival. Fun from April 29 through to May 2.

It's Eel Festival time!

THE wait is nearly over – Ely's Eel Festival is this Bank Holiday Weekend!

The festival, held in partnership with the *Ely News*, will see a whole host of eel-related activities taking place from Friday through to Monday.

It all kicks off with the Business Eel Throwing Competition on Ely Market Place on the Friday at 11am, when retailers and businesses will battle it out to be crowned City Centre Eel Throwing Business of the Year.

On the Saturday the action begins with the ever-popular eel procession.

Starting at 10.30am, the parade – led by Ellie the Eel, Ely's Samba Band and town criers – will start from Cross Green next to the cathedral and will head along part of the city's Eel Trail Heritage Walk, down to the Waterside ending in Jubilee Gardens.

As ever, everyone is welcome to join the parade.

In the gardens, there will be folk music, the annual town crier competition, dancing, historical displays, the World Eel Throwing Competition, basket weaving and tanks of real eels to admire.

The Eel Food Safari will also see restaurants and cafés producing special festival dishes/menus such as eel-shaped biscuits, jelly eel fudge and moj-eel-tas cocktails. Participating venues will display an Eel Food Safari logo to show they are part of the promotion, which is running throughout the weekend.

The weekend culminates in the Food and Drink Festival, which is running on Palace Green on the Sunday and Monday from 10.30am to 4.30pm.

More than 50 artisan food and drink traders are taking part and celebrity chefs Jean Christophe Novelli, Jack Stein and Ian Cumming will be rubbing shoulders with local restaurant chefs Zahid Ahmed from Syhlet Restaurant and Lucy Jarman from The Old Fire Engine.

Demonstrators will also be showing off their skills in the cookery theatre plus be sure to taste the special cocktails created especially for the festival by G's Fresh and the Ely Gin Company. Both cocktails will be available at Ta Bouche.

Don't forget Ely's ever-popular markets will also be running throughout the weekend, where there will also be fairground rides and live entertainment.

'Don't forget Ely's popular markets will also be running throughout the weekend, where there will also be fairground rides and live entertainment'

MUSIC

Don't miss duo in concert at King's Ely's Recital Hall

TALENTED oboist James Turnbull and pianist Libby Burgess, pictured, are joining forces for a concert in Ely.

Their concert, entitled An Oboe's Journey, is at King's Ely's Recital Hall on Thursday, May 5 and will include works by Telemann, Ireland, Barber and Saint-Saëns.

Described by The Independent as "a worthy champion" of contemporary oboe music, James has dedicated much of his performing life to promoting the oboe repertoire.

He has performed frequently throughout the UK and Europe, has broadcast live on BBC Radio 3 and appeared at numerous UK festivals.

Libby is a pianist dedicated to the fields of song and chamber music, working with some of the finest singers and instrumentalists of her generation.

Since 2014, she has been Head of Keyboard at Eton College.

Their concert is at 7.30pm and tickets are £10 for adults and free for children. Call (01353) 653931.

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CLOSER TO HOME

- DAVID Brownlow and Ryoko Yasujima are hosting a lunch-time recital at Ely Cathedral on Thursday, April 28.
The event is at 1.10pm and is raising funds for Potter's Village in Uganda, which is the mission project for Ely's St Mary's Church. Admission is by cathedral ticket or pass. Call (01353) 660349.

- STAND-UP comedian Jeremy Hardy is coming to The Brook in Soham on Friday, April 29. Jeremy is best-known for his work on Radio 4, notably on News Quiz and I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue. The event starts at 8pm and tickets are £14.
On Sunday, May 1, country musicians Speed Limit are then performing at the venue, starting at 2pm. Tickets are £12. Call (01353) 721748 or visit brookentertainment.co.uk.

- IAN Larkin is bringing his guitar, banjo, ukuleles and some rock 'n' roll to The Anchor in Little Downham on Friday, April 29.
The fun kicks off at 8pm. Call (01353) 699333.

- SINGER, comedian and impersonator Johnny Dee is hosting a cabaret evening at Ely City Football Club on Saturday, April 30. The event starts at 7.30pm and the dress code is smart. Tickets are £25 each or £250 per table. Call Len on 07585 890167.

- DJ Mix Monkey are hosting a 60s, 70s and 80s disco at Prickwillow's Hiam Sports and Social Club on Saturday, April 30. Doors open at 7pm and admission is £4.50 and free for under 16s accompanied by an adult.
On Sunday, May 1 Chris Booth is holding a tea dance at the club from 2-5pm. Admission is £4 for members and £5.50 for non-members. Call (01353) 688269.

- CAMBRIDGE based artist and printmaker Paul Hawdon is exhibiting his work in Ely.
His exhibition, entitled Traces of Memory, is a selected retrospective of etchings and other work he has made over the last 25 years.
The exhibition is at the Babylon Gallery from Thursday, April 28 to Sunday, May 8. Admission is free. Visit paulhawdon.co.uk.

- POPULAR folk duo, The Rheingans Sisters, are coming to Ely.
The fiddle-singers – Rowan and Anna – are performing at Samovar Tea House on Tuesday, May 3.
Their concert starts at 8pm and tickets are £10. Pop into Samovar or visit samovarteahouse.co.uk.

- EASTERN Michigan University Choir are hosting a lunchtime concert at Ely Cathedral on Thursday, May 5.
The music starts at 1.10pm. Call (01353) 667735.

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'We have so much to

A former amateur jockey, Sara Cumani – wife of Derby-winning trainer Luca – has lived and worked at the heart of Newmarket for almost four decades.
Now, as she tells Alice Ryan, she wants to show the public what a "wonderful, interesting and unique" town it is

DRIVE through Newmarket in the early morning and, of course, you know instantly you're in the home of horse racing.

But arrive in town after lunch and, says Sara Cumani, "you wouldn't have a clue".

There's plenty going on, but everything's happening behind closed doors.

Her own home – the historic Bedford House yard, off Bury Road – is a case in point.

From the roadside, it's all high walls and closed gates; on the inside, it's a hive of activity.

Blessed with pretty period buildings and glorious pockets of greenery, the yard is buzzing with stable staff. Back in their boxes, the horses poke a velvety nose over their stable doors as the lads and lasses come and go; keen, it seems, not to miss any action.

Sara's husband, acclaimed trainer Luca Cumani, bought the yard from Jack Clayton in the 70s. Since then, Bedford House has given rise to umpteen top-flight flat horses, including Derby winners Kahyasi (1988) and High Rise (1998). Last season alone, the Cumanis clocked up 50 winners – the most notable being Postponed, which scooped the Group 1 King George IV Stakes.

"Newmarket is the most wonderful, interesting and unique place," says Sara, settling at her kitchen table with a mug of coffee. "There's a real community drive now to show off what Newmarket has to offer: we want to open those closed doors and show everyone what a special town it is. We want more people to come here and, above all else, for them to have fun – so hopefully they'll want to come back."

Sara is in her second year as chairman of the Newmarket Open Weekend committee. An annual event, which last year grew from one day to two, it gives members of the public chance to go behind the scenes of racing life: to take a tour of a trainer's yard, visit bloodstock auction house Tattersalls, have a flutter at a family-friendly race day, see inside the town's two equine hospitals, and, arguably the biggest thrill, go up on the Gallops to watch the thoroughbreds working.

"That is special," says Sara. "There's no greater pleasure than riding a racehorse up the Lime Kilns or Warren Hill on a summer's morning; on a sleety winter's day it can be absolutely miserable, but when it's summer and the sun's coming up. . . There's no better feeling."

And Sara should know.

A skilled horsewoman, she rode out until just last year, after a fall resulted in a broken hip. "I've broken enough bones now not to want to break any more. But I do miss riding out: I miss listening to all the chat between the lads, and of course I miss working with the horses. They're such amazing creatures; to be able to ride them like that is a privilege."

Having grown up with horses – "I had the typical English country childhood, complete with a couple of ponies, which I loved" – Sara's affinity with the animals led to a job with the British Bloodstock Authority. "I came to Newmarket for the sales, met an Italian. . . and the rest is history."

The Italian was, of course, Luca. The son of a Champion Trainer father, Sergio, and Champion Amateur Jockey mother, Elena, he joined Sir Henry Cecil's team in the early 1970s, before, in 1976, going it alone at Bedford House.

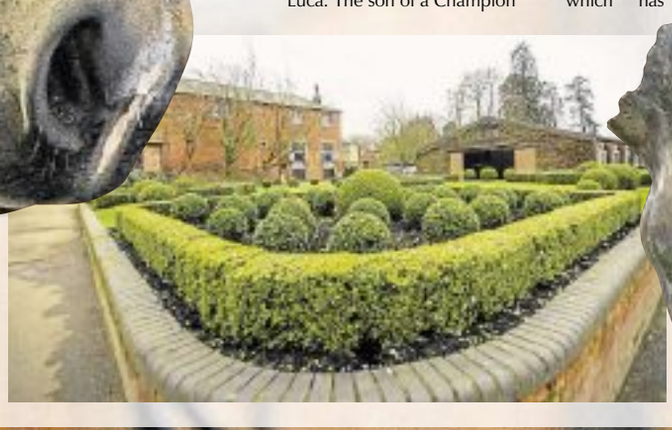
"My mother-in-law was an amazing woman," adds Sara. "She only took up riding in her 20s and went on to be Champion Amateur on the flat and over the jumps: it's astonishing."

Sara too rode as an amateur: "I rode my first race when I was five months pregnant with my son, Matty. I look back and I didn't have a clue what went on; it was a complete blur. But I was lucky enough to go on and have some very nice rides – and some very nice wins."

Sara looks fondly on a partnership with a horse called Barley Bill, which led to three wins, "but one of my most treasured moments has to be a win on Eastern Mystic at York. The prize was your own bodyweight in champagne – that's a good prize! – and it was made all the sweeter by the fact it was a photo-finish."

The Cumanis' children – both of whom currently live in Australia – are following in the family footsteps: Matt has just taken out his trainer's licence and Francesca, who's also seen success as an amateur jockey, is a TV racing presenter. "She was also working for CNN until recently, but she's about to have a baby," explains Sara, who plans to go to Sydney soon after her first grandchild's arrival this month. "Having both your children in Australia has its good and bad points: yes, it's a long way away, but it's a great place to go to escape the British winter. . ."

As well as riding, Sara is hands-on with the breeding side of the business: she's at the helm of Fittocks, the Cumanis' stud in Upend. The enterprise, which has grown from



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a handful of mares inherited from Luca's father in the mid-80s, has produced a long line of star performers – most recently Koora, who already has three wins to her name and "looks like she'll be pretty smart as a 4 year old". Sired by Cheveley Park's hero stallion Pivotal, Koora is descended from Kalata, half-sister of the Derby-winning Kahyasi. Another home-grown one to watch, adds Sara, is Guineas hopeful Materialistic.

"I love being out at Fittocks," she says, confiding that the long-term plan is to retire to the stud, making way for Matt to take the reins at Bedford House. "The countryside is so beautiful – I am a real country girl – and the foaling season is particularly special. You see them staggering about on their gangly legs . . . Watching them grow is a delight."

When it comes to the question of what makes a good horse, Sara is circumspect: "Ask 10 people about 10 horses and they'll say 10 different things about each one. For me, I've got to like the look of it. Yes, it needs to be relatively correct; everything's got to be in the right place. But I like to see some personality, too: a good horse has to have something about it."

When matching stallions with their mares at Fittocks, Sara says she, Luca and team always go for the best budget will allow. "We're lucky in Newmarket, because we've got so many amazing stallions on the doorstep."

Take the Darley-bred Dubawi, currently commanding a cover fee of £225,000: he is, says Sara, "a stunner and his offspring have such a great temperament; they just want to win".

Postponed – the Cumanis' 2015 King George winner – was sired by Dubawi; owned by Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum, he was part of a 35-strong string removed at sudden notice from Bedford House last year. Seemingly a bolt from the blue, the move made headlines in both the racing and mainstream press.

Luca will be among the dozens of trainers opening their yard as part of this year's Newmarket Open Weekend, which falls on September 17 and 18.

"The Open Weekend isn't just aimed at racing fans – it doesn't matter if you've never been racing in your life. In fact anyone who worries racing is cruel can come and see how totally pampered the horses are; they're beautifully, beautifully looked after and yes, they are asked to run a bit occasionally, but that's fairly much in their make-up."

To mark 350 years of racing in Newmarket, the town's new Heritage Centre will be unveiled at this year's Open Weekend, with visitors getting a first look at the multi-million-pound development. Alongside galleries of sporting art and racing memorabilia, attractions will include live racehorses stabled on-site. "I think that's so important. As I said, at the moment anyone who comes to Newmarket after lunch wouldn't see a horse – but now they'll be able to."

The Open Weekend raises funds for local causes; this year's good causes are Racing Welfare's Newmarket Housing Project, which will provide much-needed accommodation to new stable staff, and Newmarket Day Centre.

"Both are brilliant causes. The accommodation issue is a serious one: there's a massive shortage of stable staff. They train at the Racing School, where they get looked after beautifully, but so often end up leaving Newmarket at that point; although the jobs are here, there's just not enough good accommodation."

Sara says she hopes 2016's Open Weekend will be the biggest and best yet. "Newmarket is celebrating 350 years of racing this year: that's an impressive heritage; something the whole town should be proud of. We have so much to be proud of here – so let's show it off."

AT HOME: Sara Cumani

Newmarket Open Weekend 2016 launches on May 14, when tickets will go on sale at *newmarketopenweekend.co.uk*.

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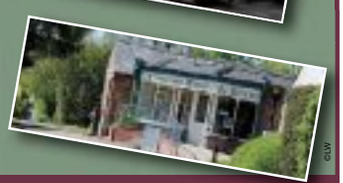

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Electric and hybrid winners

POPULARITY BECKONS: Options such as the Tesla Model S are winners

ELECTRIC and hybrid cars are giving owners the biggest buzz, according to the results of the latest *Auto Express* magazine Driver Power survey.

The annual study has for the first time been dominated by plug-in cars like the Tesla Model S and Renault Zoe, with Lexus hybrids also making up three of the top six.

Almost 50,000 responses from owners, rating their cars across all aspects from performance and comfort to build quality and reliability resulted in the long-running study's first ever perfect 100 per cent score, won by the Model S in the category Ease of Driving.

The Model S took seven individual category wins and topped the overall table with a record total satisfaction rating of 97.46 per cent.

Arguably an even greater surprise, though, was the emergence of the humble Renault Zoe in second place overall. Having sustained much criticism from the motoring press for what has been called a cheap-feeling interior, lower-than-expected driving range and ride quality issues, the Driver Power survey suggests that owners love it.

Renault has also taken the last place on the 2016 podium with the Kadjar, which shares a platform with the Nissan Qashqai but offers more space for the price.

Lexus had another strong showing, with four cars in the top 10 including both the second and third generation of RX SUV. The predominantly hybrid ranges are clearly leading to satisfied owners.

Brian Walters, director of research and insight at Driver Power, said: "With seven individual category wins, it's hard to dispute the appeal of the Tesla. This is the first time this manufacturer has appeared in the Driver Power survey, but with results like these, I'm certain we'll see more of it in the future."

Walters also rebuffed the idea of any additional and distorting sense of self-satisfaction among Tesla and electric car drivers, stating his belief that all car owners in the survey judge their cars according to what is most important to them, and whether that car meets or exceeds those expectations.

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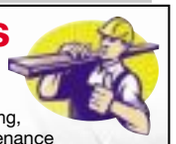
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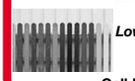
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Footpath 49, Ely
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF USE)
ORDER 2016/177

Is to stop any pedestrian from proceeding along Footpath 49, Ely as lies between points 20m either side of the pedestrian crossing situated there as measured from its gates or barriers.

The alternative route for pedestrians will be as signed.

The Order is made to facilitate essential maintenance works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 7 May 2016 and continue until these works have finished or on the 6 November 2016 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between between 7 May and 22 May 2016.

Byway 43, Little Downham
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF USE)
ORDER 2016/178

Is to stop any pedestrian from proceeding along Byway 43, Little Downham as lies between points 20m either side of the byway crossing situated there as measured from its gates or barriers.

The alternative route for vehicles, cyclists, pedestrians and equestrians will be as signed.

The Order is made to facilitate essential maintenance works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 28 May 2016 and continue until these works have finished or on the 27 November 2016 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out overnight 23:30hrs 28 May to 10:00hrs 29 May; 23:30hrs 4 June to 10:00hrs 5 June and 23:30hrs 11 June to 10:00hrs 12 June 2016.

North Fen Drove, Little Downham
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF USE)

ORDER 2016/179

Is to stop any pedestrian from proceeding along North Fen Drove, Little Downham as lies between points 20m either side of the pedestrian crossing situated there as measured from its gates or barriers.

The alternative route for pedestrians will be as signed.

The Order is made to facilitate essential maintenance works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 28 May 2016 and continue until these works have finished or on the 27 November 2016 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out overnight 23:30hrs 28 May to 10:00hrs 29 May; 23:30hrs 4 June to 10:00hrs 5 June; 23:30hrs 11 June to 10:00hrs 12 June; and 23:30hrs 18 June to 10:00hrs 19 June 2016.

Lynn Road, Ely
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2016/181

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Lynn Road, Ely as lies between points 20m either side of the railway level crossing situated there as measured from its gates or barriers.

The alternative route for vehicles is via Lynn Road – Ely Road – Grange Lane – A10 – Downham Drive – Cam Drive and vice versa.

The Order is made to facilitate essential maintenance works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 14 May 2016 and continue until those works have finished or on the 13 November 2016 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out overnight 22:30hrs 14 May to 06:30hrs 16 May; 23:30hrs 21 May to 22:00hrs 22 May; and 23:30hrs 28 May to 10:00hrs 29 May 2016.

Byway 44, Downham
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ORDER 2016/182

Is to stop any vehicle, pedestrian, cyclist or equestrian from proceeding along Byway 44, Downham as lies between points 20m either side of the byway crossing situated there as measured from its gates or barriers.

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It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between between 7 May and 5 June 2016.

Footpath 50, Ely
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF USE)
ORDER 2016/183

Is to stop any pedestrian from proceeding along Footpath 50, Ely as lies between points 20m either side of the pedestrian crossing situated there as measured from its gates or barriers.

The alternative route for pedestrians will be as signed.

The Order is made to facilitate essential maintenance works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 7 May 2016 and continue until these works have finished or on the 6 November 2016 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 7 May and 22 May 2016.

Hempfield Road, Littleport
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ORDER 2016/194

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Hempfield Road, Littleport as lies between Orchard Close and Hempfield Place.

The alternative route for vehicles is via High Street – Crown Lane – Wellington Street – Granby Street – Victoria Street – Barkhams Lane – Hempfield Road and vice versa.

The Order is made to facilitate sewer repair works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 23 May 2016 and continue until these works have finished or on the 22 November 2016 whichever is the earlier.

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Ely Road (B1382), Queen Adelaide (Peterborough Line)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2016/206

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Ely Road (B1382), Queen Adelaide (Peterborough Line) as lies between points 20m either side of the railway level crossing situated there as measured from its gates or barriers.

The alternative route for vehicles is via B1382 – A1101 – A10 – B1382 and vice versa.

The Order is made to facilitate essential maintenance works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 29 May 2016 and continue until those works have finished or on the 28 November 2016 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 00:30hrs and 10:00hrs 29 May 2016.

Access will be maintained to properties affected by these orders.

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SUE, 48, fair haired petite pretty female, honest, trustworthy, GSOH, enjoys countryside, holidays, WLTM male, any age/looks for possible relationship/friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 421579**

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PASSIONATE honest slim blue eyed blonde, 39yrs, likes nights in/out, looking for affectionate male, any age to spend adult fun times. Interested? call me. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 412173**

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male seeking

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SLIM 25yr old, 5ft 6ins male, likes animals, museums, online gaming, walks along the coast, seeking female for relationship. **Text only Mailbox: 5436910**

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GENUINE 72yr old male, 5ft 4ins, medium build, friendly, easygoing, likes gardening, travel, DIY, bowling, GSOH, seeking female. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 400055**

COME travel with me, genuine male 72yrs, 5ft 4ins, medium build, easygoing, GSOH likes gardening, travel, DIY, bowling, seeks nice lady with similar interests. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 406473**

gay seeking

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BLACK male seeking black male aged 25 to 30, for discreet adult fun, maybe more. **Text only to Mailbox: 5409036**

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58YR old slim, Northampton bi male, seeks similar bi/CD male for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 399445**

50YR old bi male, seeks bi/CD for lots of fun and games. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 405835**

BI guy WLTM guy for discreet fun. **Text only Mailbox: 5142373**

I would like to meet a bi male for some good fun aged 50 plus, if interested please get in touch. **Text only Mailbox: 4179998**

ATTRACTIVE bi male, 60, seeks similar bi/CD for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 406035**

BI male 63 seeks bi male or cd age 6o to 70 for fun times. **Text only Mailbox: 4172093**

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TABLE TENNIS

Sambrook nets Closed hat-trick

TRACEY Sambrook claimed three titles at the Ely & District League's annual Closed Tournament.

She had a great day at Burwell's Community Sports Centre as she triumphed in the ladies' singles.

And, not content with that, she teamed up with Karen Byford to win the ladies' doubles and joined forces with Christian Mohan to register success in the mixed doubles.

Other players celebrating at the event included open singles champion Ivaylo Kostadinov and the men's doubles winners Martin Freeland and Nathan Stewart.

In league action, Soham I reduced the winning margin of Division One champions Ely I to just four points by taking their final tie 8-2.

Kostadinov scored a maximum for the visitors and he was well supported by Freeland and Stewart, who had two wins apiece and then joined forces to take the doubles over Kieran and Christian Mohan.

Impington I completed their fixtures with a 6-4 loss against Fulbourn I, for whom Phil Hague scored a maximum.

Andy Merritt then scored a maximum for Fulbourn when they visited Elsworth I in their final league fixture of the season, but Peters Zivtins' victory over Owen Davies was their only other score as they went down 6-4.

Roger Fensom and Peter Goatly scored two each for Elsworth, with Davies adding a further point before Fensom and Goatly won a hard-fought five-set doubles against Merritt and Marc Meunier.

In Division Two, Fulbourn IV played extremely well to see off Impington II 8-2, while maximums from Bill Knibbs and John Farnell helped promotion candidates Elsworth III get the better of Comrades IV 7-3.

And Fulbourn III triumphed in the Handicap Cup final over Comrades I despite three singles wins for Kin Choi Chan.

The winning squad comprised Danny Bates, Hamish Ryder, Jon Chapman and Russell Cooper.

Closed tournament results: Open singles – Ivaylo Kostadinov bt Kieran Mohan; **Men's doubles** – Martin Freeland and Nathan Stewart bt Ronald Cron and Marc Meunier; **Ladies' singles** – Tracey Sambrook bt Karen Byford; **Ladies' doubles** – Sambrook and Byford bt Amy Catlin and Ena Catlin; **Mixed doubles** – Christian Mohan and Sambrook bt Jeff Catlin and E Catlin; **Junior singles** – Alex Hearne-Potton bt Joshua Curry; **Junior doubles** – J Curry and Joe Holland bt Hearne-Potton and E Catlin; **Veteran singles** – Liam Mohan bt J Catlin; **Over-50s doubles** – Kin Choi Chan and Phil Morris bt Mohan and Peters Zivtins; **Unseeded doubles** – Phil Hague and Ju Young bt Stephen Jugg and Meunier; **Handicap singles** – E Catlin bt Adam Curry; **Regular player singles** – A Curry bt Jugg.

CONCENTRATION: Open singles champion Ivaylo Kostadinov

IN FULL FLOW: Martin Freeland (above) and Ronald Cron (below) Pictures: David Johnson

GIRLS' FOOTBALL

CHAMPIONS: The Isleham under-13 team that beat Royston

Isleham win title in style

ISLEHAM under-13 girls clinched the S-Tech League, South Division title in style, beating Royston Town 10-0.

Chloe Boneham put Isleham in front, before Ella Cummins quickly doubled the lead.

A second from Boneham and a goal from Talia Irvine made it 4-0 at half time.

Amy McLean netted four times in the second half, with an own goal and another strike from Boneham sealing the victory.

A few days earlier Isleham defeated Newmarket 6-1.

Mia Yearn (3), McLean (2) and Boneham scored for Isleham.

ROWING

Ely quad catch the eye at St Ives regatta

ISLE of Ely Rowing Club's girls' J18 quad secured a victory in the 150th Anniversary Head to Head race at St Ives.

The crew of Franky Bailey Tait, Emily May, Bea Loveridge and Emma Burnley-Davis were racing on the course which was originally 1,700m each way, but had been shortened by 150m as the current was very strong and making the two bends at one end almost impossible to navigate.

Isle of Ely were first to start in their division, with their opposition being crews from Huntingdon and Oundle.

Huntingdon had already raced in the first division, while Oundle were racing immediately behind them.

In the first leg, the Ely crew could see Oundle closing on them quickly, so Ely knew they had to race hard in the second leg.

They went off fast and by the time they rounded the last corner, with a final push for the finish line, their cumulative time was 11min 21sec, which saw them beat Oundle by nine seconds to earn victory.

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OARSOME: Isle of Ely Rowing Club's J18 quad

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High-flying Robins secure promotion

Football

BRADY Stone paid tribute to his players after Ely City secured promotion back to the Thurlow Nunn League, Premier Division with a 2-1 win at Leiston reserves.

The Robins secured their 12th consecutive win in doing so, with another spirited display that relied on defensive grit after a lightning start.

They can now celebrate an instant return to the division above after relegation last year.

"We finished the second half of last season like a mid-table team after a terrible start," said manager Stone.

"The players were learning all the way through last year, and the players we kept had that extra year of experience this season. That has helped us massively.

"The lads that have come in have gelled really well with the squad and have formed a great unit. The squad has come together really well, and everyone who has played for me this season has been absolutely fantastic."

Ely made a flying start to Saturday's game and took the lead after just two minutes through Craig Neal.

Alex Theobald then doubled the lead after 11 minutes when he converted a penalty after being brought down in the area.

Matty Simpson and Ash Walter had chances to extend the visitors' lead but it remained 2-0 at the interval.

Leiston then began to get on top, and although Ely keeper Harry Reynolds saved a penalty, the home side finally scored two minutes later.

Some determined defending kept them at bay though, and Ely held on for a deserved victory.

PROUD: Ely City manager Brady Stone has guided his side back to the Premier Division at the first attempt

A disappointing end to the season saw **Soham Town Rangers** succumb to Tilbury 4-1 at Julius Martin Lane.

Since securing their status in the North Division, the Greens' form has been below the standards expected by joint-managers Dave Theobald and Robbie Nightingale.

And Saturday's match saw further evidence of the players going through the motions, although Alex Martin made a solid debut at centre-back.

The visitors took the lead midway through the first half, and added three more goals after the interval.

Salim Relizani scored a consolation goal for Rangers in the 90th minute.

"It was disappointing," said Theobald.

"We had a bit of an off day. Everything Tilbury seemed to hit went in.

"We had enough chances to cancel then out but didn't take them."

Snooker

Frustration for Perry at the Crucible

JOE Perry cursed his luck after losing a final frame decider to Kyren Wilson to fall at the first hurdle in the Betfred World Snooker Championship.

The Chatteris potter trailed 5-4 at the end of the first session and, in a topsy-turvy encounter, levelled the match at 9-9 after a 58-minute marathon frame.

But the world No 10 blinked first in the decider, qualifier Wilson holding his nerve to reach the second round.

"The whole pattern of the match was the same, I chased it the whole time," bemoaned Perry.

"I didn't feel good and I thought I played really well considering.

"I got frustrated. I felt like the run of the balls was against me through the entire match.

"I had a couple of little rubs at 9-8 and his head looked like it was going to fall off, he'd had the run for 17 frames.

"Little things were bothering me, they don't normally, but over both days I felt like anything that could go wrong did go wrong. I'm just really gutted."

A break of 72 saw Perry off to the perfect start as he pulled level, but a magnificent clearance of 129 put Wilson back in front.

The sequence of sharing frames continued until Perry picked up the first two following the mid-session interval with breaks of 59 and 80.

Timely breaks of 58 and 62 put Wilson back ahead and frame 18 was typical of the entire contest, going to and fro until Perry stole it.

But Wilson took the decider.

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